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HONG KONG'S RECORD BUDGET

Soft Drinks Duty Raised; Local Postage Increased DEFENCE THE KEYNOTE

Announcing a total estimated revenue in the financial year just ended of \$184,000,000 and an estimated expenditure of \$160,000,000—a probable surplus of \$24,000,000—the Financial Secretary, Mr. C.G.S. Follows, yesterday introduced the Colony's Budget for 1949/50.

This provides for revenue estimated at \$180,019,370 and estimated expenditure of \$179,586,970. Adjustments will reduce the surplus to below the anticipated figure of \$432,400.

Mr. Follows announced increased taxation in the form of a doubled duty on aerated waters, increased local postal rates (from five to 10 cents for letters, and from two to five cents for postcards), an increase in the stamp duty on cheques and receipts from 10 to 15 cents, a \$1 stamp for applications for import and export licenses, and a license fee for certain manufactures.

Though the keynote of the Budget, in Mr. Follows' words, is security—\$26,000,000 is devoted to expenditure on defence, including \$5,000,000 for Defence Force headquarters—the personal emoluments and cost of living allowances of Civil Servants are estimated at \$73,826,874—an expenditure requiring, in Government's opinion, drastic action.

Mr. Follows revealed that an expert in methods of organisation has now arrived and has begun his investigations into the costs of Government.

Mr. Follows also revealed that temporary accommodation, in the shape of 25 bungalow apartments for Civil Servants, is to be erected at Black's Link at an estimated cost of \$725,000.

Mr. Follows sounded a note of caution as to the future and expressed confidence that a further increase in taxation next year is necessary. Council will take appropriate measures.

The Governor, who spoke before the presentation of the Budget, also struck a cautious note. Our motto, he said, must be "Hope for the best but prepare for the worst."

Sir Alexander also said that draft Bills setting up the proposed Municipal Council will be published shortly.

Colony's Life Blood

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, said:—

"Trade is the life blood of this Colony. If trade is good every one prospers, the Exchequer is full and we can afford to spend more on social services and other developments than would otherwise be the case. If trade is bad, then everyone suffers, including Government revenue and hence the things that Government can undertake. It was Napoleon who taunted the English with being a nation of shopkeepers. That was a taunt of which the English people were proud. So, too, I am proud of being Governor of a Colony of shopkeepers. Trade flourishes under conditions of peace; it does not during war. Thus traders are the best advocates of peace, of which alas the world has had so little in recent years.

"The year 1948 has been a record year for the Colony's trade with a total value of imports and exports of 2,220 millions sterling, an increase of approximately 32% over 1947. Not only is this boom in commercial activity borne out by the trade figures, but we can see its effects with our own eyes in the general air of prosperity and the amount of building that has taken, and is taking, place. The only unsatisfactory feature of the past year has been the general decline in our trade with China, which still, however, remains our principal customer.

New Industries

"As regards industry, the year was generally a difficult one with increased competition in foreign markets. At the same time new industries have developed, cotton spinning has been fully established, itself while metallurgical industries have considerably expanded, with the assistance in particular of machine tools delivered under the Japanese reparation scheme. New industries include plastics and the manufacture of textile machinery and electrical iron.

Future Obscure

"Industries are tending to develop on a larger scale than pre-war and to be housed in proper factory type buildings instead of in tenements. Whilst the spirit of the manufacturers is encouraging—and here I should like to pay tribute to the Chinese Manufacturers' Union—much has still to be done to modernise equipment. The future of Hong Kong industry, on the long term view, remains obscure.

"That 1948 was a boom year is also borne out by the figures for shipping, air and rail travel, and trade in general. Shipping figures for 1948 are 22,400,750 tons as compared with 18,990,420 tons in 1947. There are now 25,000 passenger arriving and departing every month from Kai Tak, which is now handling almost as much traffic as any airport in the Empire. The Railway carried nearly 3% million passengers, an increase of 34% over 1947 and 31% higher than the previous highest number in 1939. The Post Office handles more than 1,000 bags of mail a day, which shows an increase of 44% over 1947 in respect of ordinary mail and of one third in respect of air mail. Nearly \$10 millions worth of stamps were sold, an increase of nearly 30% over 1947.

"The satisfactory trading figures for the past year are also reflected in the Government's revenue returns. When the Estimates for 1948/49 were presented to this Council last March, a surplus of \$1,123,848 of the year's working was forecast. The figure actually realised is \$24,000,000, an increase of over \$22 1/2 millions.

Spending Pruned

"Since the reoccupation every year has been better than the preceding one, but what of the future? That indeed is uncertain. We can hope for continued trade and prosperity but we must not be surprised if that does not come about. It is not as if the conditions were made by us in Hong Kong. They depend on innumerable factors in other countries, and especially in China.

"At this juncture, he would be a rash man who would predict what the state of China will be a year from now. Our motto must therefore be "Hope for the best but prepare for the worst," and this is the basis on which our Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1949/50 have been drawn up.

"The Estimates of Revenue are conservative but not pessimistic. Our expenditure has been pruned drastically. The draft Estimates (excluding Public Works Expenditure) which originally amounted to \$155 millions more than as they are now presented. And those original Estimates contained few items that could be called unnecessary and none that could be called undesirable.

"The pruning that has taken place has eliminated many projects that should be carried out, such as more schools and teachers, more roads, more dental surgeons—there are only three Government dental surgeons for

the whole Colony—whilst such things as a civic centre cannot even be considered. Where there has been no cutting down but a substantial increase—which seems that there is less for other things—is in security measures, notably the Police and the Defence Force. Whilst we believe in and want peace, we would be foolish if we did not take measures to ensure law and order. It is a form of insurance.

"Our security forces are required primarily for internal security. It would be a fair question to ask, if there are so many necessary things to be done which you have cut out of the draft Estimates, why not increase taxation substantially, so that you would get enough money to enable you to do them.

"The answer to this is Hong Kong's peculiar position as an entrepot and not in the main, as a producer. Although we offer better facilities, and greater security than most of our competitors in this part of the world, they are relatively expensive. We don't want to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs by increasing taxation, and so the costs of trading in and through Hong Kong, to the extent that trade will be driven away. If we do that the net result would be that we should actually collect no more revenue, and possibly even less, than if we had not increased the taxes, whilst at the same time we might do permanent injury to Hong Kong as an entrepot.

"We should increase taxation—solely for the purpose of carrying out, desirable developments of economic and social services—to the limit that we can without doing injury to our economy. Customs and the fisheries are two what that limit should be.

"There is another difficulty affecting Government financing—that much of our capital expenditure has to be met from current revenue. This difficulty is made even more acute by the fact that the Rehabilitation Loan of \$15 millions is inadequate for the amount of rehabilitation that is required of Government buildings. This throws an added burden on to current revenue.

Education

"Progress has been made in social services such as education, and health, and in helping the millions of the fishermen. In education, although advances have been made over the previous year, much still remains to be done, especially in Government schools, where 27 pre-war schools are housed in 10 buildings, necessitating the simultaneous sessions system. Grant-aid schools are now all working on the normal one session a day, as a result of substantial Government assistance.

New Gandhi Statue And Its Creator



Mr. Atri Brown, of Earls Court, London, cleans his forehead statue of Mahatma Gandhi, which was recently exhibited at India House, London. The sculptor never met Gandhi, but has tried, with photographs and paintings as a guide, to capture something of the spirit of the man.—AP Photo.

May Acquitted In PWD Case, Kwok Convicted

Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, murmured his thanks to the Judge yesterday evening and strode calmly out of the dock at the Supreme Court after having been acquitted.

His co-defendant, Kwok Kwong, foreman, who was unanimously found guilty on all six counts in the indictment by the jury of five men and two women, had his sentence deferred until this morning by Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge.

Kwok and May, both of the Public Works Department, had been jointly charged with three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

May was unanimously found not guilty on three counts of falsification of documents and one of larceny, while on the other two counts of larceny, he was acquitted by the majority of five to two.

The jury, who retired at 1 p.m. yesterday after a three-hour summary of the case by Mr. Justice Williams, deliberated for about four and a half hours until about 5.30 p.m. At about 6 p.m., however, the Court recessed for further direction on certain points to be taken by the jury.

The trial which commenced on March 28, took up 13 hearings, stretching over a period of a little over two weeks. Altogether 47 witnesses were called by the Crown, and seven by the defence.

A Plea For Leniency

In announcing the verdict in regards Kwok Kwong, the foreman of the jury added a rider that the jury wished to put in a plea for leniency. It was known to them, he said, that there was no excuse for dishonesty but they also knew that there were only two steps between honesty and dishonesty.

Continuing, the foreman stated that one would need. The jury felt, he declared, that at one time or another every one has this need. They also felt that the system in force, which provided no supervision was such as to give Kwok an opportunity to be dishonest, and invited jealousy and falsification of records, he added.

Red Ultimatum To Nanking On Talks Probable

Nanking, March 16.
Qualified political observers said here today that an ultimatum from the Chinese Communists could be expected in Nanking unless an official peace delegation went to Peiping soon.

A new crisis was approaching in China to coincide with the appointment of General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet, they said, because: Firstly, General Chen Yi's nineteen Communist columns were all set to launch the long-awaited offensive against the Yangtze River line.

Secondly, Communist leaders were convinced the Nationalist defenders would not offer any serious resistance at this juncture; thirdly, the Communists could not afford politically to wait much longer for long-drawn-out peace negotiations.

Nationalist China's economic military and political disintegration is ripe now for the Communists either to strike with their powerful armies or get the most possible from short-term peace negotiations, these observers believed.

If they wait longer, observers said, General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet and Legislative Yuan might set China's feet on the road to at least partial recovery from the near chaos which has been some popular support.

According to some sources, the Nationalists have until March 20 to indicate to the Communists their willingness to begin formal peace negotiations.

At present, a ten-point formula is being drawn up by the Nationalist Government to answer the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung's eight-point peace terms.

The greatest difficulty to the Communists if they attempt to re-start the war, observers said, move among the war-weary people and the physical and economic results of years of bitter conflict.

But this unpopularity may be turned into an asset by the Communists at the peace conference by making it difficult for the Nationalists to oppose the Communist terms no matter how unfavourable they may appear to be other Asian nations and their neighbours.

Ho's Strategy

General Ho Ying-chin's expected strategy to yield the dominant role in the Coalition Government at the peace negotiations but to retain provincial administration in which the Nationalists hope to wield considerable influence, may suit the Communists, some observers believed.

The battle for power in the provinces, they said, probably will begin after the peace agreement.

An announcement that alterations would be made in the present Nationalist peace delegation, which is to meet the Communists, was made by the new Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, in last night's broadcast.

One change would be the replacement of Mr. Peng Chao-hsien, who has resigned. There might be more alterations, he said.

General Ho said he was studying the problems of discontinuing military conscription and taxation in kind, which is being urged by the Legislative Yuan.

He thought the future of the financial and currency reforms to overcome the country's economic crisis was bright.

THE WEATHER

At 6.00 GMT (12 noon HKST) weak anticyclones are centred over the sea of Japan and Mongolia. Between them, a trough stretching from the Gulf of Tonkin to a small depression over Shanghai, is moving E.
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Reds Charge Imperialism

Shanghai, March 16.
The Chinese Red "Add-on" day charged that "American imperialism" was plotting to put the island in the Japanese economic sphere, but predicted that the plot would be foiled as the Chinese Communists will shortly liberate the islanders.

The broadcast referred to the recent visit to the island by Vice-Admiral Oscar E. Badger in his flagship, El Dorado, and added: "We will not tolerate a United States invasion. We will liberate the Formosans from both the United States and the Kuomintang."

The broadcast further charged: "The so-called Formosa independence movement, which appeared in the market recently, was a MacArthur brand of product made in the United States."—United Press.

WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS RUSH RE-ARMAMENT

London, March 16.
Western Europe, working under a newly approved master defence plan, raced to arm before an expected major diplomatic crisis with Russia this summer.

The defence programme, approved by the five Western Union countries, called for each nation to arm as best it could and asked the United States for weapons that Europe can not make.

Outlines of the rearmament effort, were approved by the foreign ministers of the five Western Union powers—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. The plans will be submitted to the other countries who will join the Atlantic Pact so that all members can co-ordinate their work in an effort to halt the spread of Communism.

The Western Union's defence programme was drawn up behind closed doors and many details were kept secret. It is known, however, that the five-power conference decided to defend a line running from the Switzerland along the Rhine River to the North Sea. This would require each of the five powers to keep on instant call specified land forces and, in certain cases, sea and air units.

It is understood the plan asked France to supply 24 divisions, Britain six, Belgium three, Holland two and Luxembourg one. This was less than the strength which the five countries' defence experts originally asked.

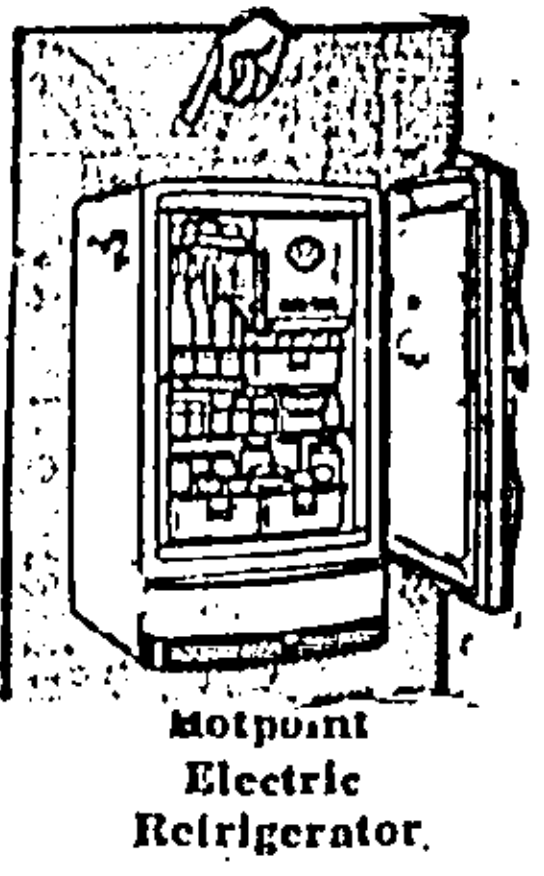
The tentative plans for the defence lineup were written at Paris where the Western Union countries have a Defence Council under chairmanship of Field Marshal Viscount Bernard Montgomery.—United Press.

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"Secondary education has shown some progress during the year, but not so much as primary. Although there is an insufficient number of places in schools for every child in Hong Kong, it is probable that there are few permanent residents in the Colony whose children are not receiving education, for it is the policy of Government and subsidised schools to give preference to the permanent resident. It is not, however, possible to enforce such a rule in the case of private schools. \$19½ millions were spent on education in 1948, nearly 24 millions more than in 1947, and more than half went in grants and subsidies.

"Steady progress has been made in agriculture and fisheries to the mutual benefit of the producer and consumer. The whole sale Vegetable Market increased its sales from 455,000 to 537,000 piculs, but at a reduced average price to the consumer of \$14.64 a picul compared with \$16.10 in 1947. The Fisheries Wholesale Market dealt with 121,820 piculs of fresh fish, and 246,370 piculs of salt-dried fish; the figures for 1947 being 44,420 and 189,270 respectively. Prices have dropped from \$97 to \$71 a picul in the case of fresh fish, and from \$87 to \$48 a picul in the case of salt-dried fish over the last two years. About 40% of the salt-dried fish is exported, bringing in about \$4½ millions.

Municipal Council

"Government has under consideration the carrying out of a social and economic survey in the New Territories to determine such things as agriculture, indebtedness, land tenure etc. These things are fundamental to the farmer, but until we know more precisely than we do at present the nature and extent of the problem, it is impossible to decide on measures to deal with it.

"During the forthcoming year we shall continue the progress, but it will be slower, for slower, than we should like. If, however, revenue flows in better than is at present anticipated, the authority of this Council will be sought for extending existing projects or carrying out new ones. Conversely, if there is a falling off in revenue we shall have to curtail our expenditure.

"On the constitutional side progress has been slow, but a good deal of preparatory work has been done, and it is intended to publish shortly the draft Bills setting up the proposed Municipal Council. The first reading of the Bill will not be taken for at least six weeks after publication, so as to give those interested time to consider them. The proposals themselves were made public in July 1947.

"We now have more than 200 posts, occupied by local appointees that were formerly held

by expatriate officers. This is not unsatisfactory, but I am disappointed that we have only one member of the Civil Service who is locally born. I would urge undergraduates at the University, and their parents, seriously to consider the administrative branch of the Colonial Service. It doesn't offer a fabulous salary, but the work is both honourable and interesting.

Record Trade Figures

The Financial Secretary said: "The actual revenue and expenditure for 1948-49 will not be known for some time, but the revised estimate of revenue is \$184,000,000 and of expenditure \$100,000,000. It is thus anticipated that there will be a surplus of \$24,000,000.

"The revised revenue figure is approximately \$32,500,000 in excess of the improved estimate. When the estimates were prepared there were some indications of a falling off of trade, and due allowance was made for this. Fortunately, however, this expected drop in trade did not materialise except in regard to our trade with South China which showed a further general decline. In spite of this, the total value of imports and exports reached a record figure, and this was reflected in revenue collections. All the main heads, with the exception of "Duties, are expected to exceed the estimates which will more than offset the serious drop in receipts from tobacco duties.

"It was realised that an appreciable amount of tobacco from duty paid stocks was being exported to areas in South East Asia where the control of the local Governments had not been fully restored, and that directly the customs services in these areas were functioning normally, again, exporters would be able to export ex-territory. For this reason, tobacco duty was estimated at \$25,000,000, which allowed for a drop in receipts of \$5,000,000. Unfortunately, however, at the time when this purely temporary benefit to our revenue ceased, other factors arose which caused a further drop in receipts from tobacco duty, and it now appears that collections will only just top the \$17,000,000 mark.

"Receipts from rates and licences were particularly satisfactory, as also was postal revenue. Receipts from stamp duty, were also unusually high, the tax on the increment on the value of property having produced \$9,639,000 up to the end of February. This was however mainly collected during the first half of the year, receipts since the end of September having dropped considerably due both to a change in the basis of the tax and to fewer properties changing hands. The earnings of the Kowloon-Canton Railway are expected to exceed the estimate by nearly \$1,500,000 in spite of the adverse effect on goods traffic of a greatly reduced volume of imports into South China. Receipts from Earnings and Profits Tax have been coming in well during the latter portion of the financial year, and are expected to reach the estimated figure of \$40,000,000.

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Inside Story Of Siam Coup Related Here

The first inside-story of the bloody but unsuccessful coup d'état in Siam was told to the "China Mail" yesterday by a journalist who had just arrived here from Bangkok.

A rigid censorship has been imposed in the Siamese capital following a leading article in the American-owned Post alleging that the murder of three former Siamese Cabinet Ministers, plus a former member of parliament, while in police custody, was a "trial by trigger."

The Post failed to appear for a day and even now reaches its readers hours behind the normal distribution time with white blanks indicating the snippings of the censor.

Eye-witness accounts, he says, tell of crowds of curious citizens following tanks as they rolled into action and dodging bullets from machine-gun nests as Army and Navy men fought the battle of the streets. The case was later described as "an unfortunate mistake."

Without probing too deeply into the political intrigues of Siam, he goes on, it is evident that the "mistake" proved to be quite a fortunate one for the Government, for it provided it with an excellent opportunity to make widespread arrests, spill a little "bad blood" and strengthen its own position to a considerable extent.

But the real ringleaders of the revolt that failed are still at large and are said to direct flows to the north to direct numbers of Chinese Communists who have made illegal entry into the country in the last few weeks. These infiltrators are believed to be well armed and equipped and to have landed on deserted coastlines from junk.

A wave of arson in the outlying residential areas of Bangkok has been attributed to the Communists. To make matters worse, the key money racket has cast its ugly spell over certain elements in the Fire Brigade who have been asking for cash down before they will even consider putting out the fire.

Siam, land of beautiful temples and bountiful rice harvests, is fast losing its reputation for stability and peacefulness, he said.

Tramways Case Up At Central

Further cross-examination by Mr. M. A. da Silva on Anthony Chan occupied yesterday's hearing of the Tramways Case before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central. Chan was one of the defendants. He pleaded guilty to the charges and the case concerns 11 inspectors and one conductor of the Tramways Company, charged with two counts of conspiracy to defraud the Tramways Company by permitting the resale of used tickets.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing 11 of the defendants while Mr. P. C. Woo is representing three others. Mr. John McNeill, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine, appeared for the prosecution. Hearing was adjourned till today.

HM's Recovery Satisfactory

London, March 16. King George was today reported to be continuing his satisfactory recovery from an operation of lumbar sympathectomy to improve the circulation in his right leg. The King's doctors made their usual call at Buckingham Palace this morning, but for the first time since Saturday's operation, no further bulletin was issued. Court sources said this meant that recovery was going well.—Reuter.

Court Brevities

The attack on an Indian watchman at the Lalchikok oil installation on Monday led to the arrest of Wong Sang, aged 23, a hospital cook. Wong was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr with being connected in the attack in which the watchman Dhadar Singh was hit on the head with an iron pipe and robbed of his watch, ring and other belongings. The case was remanded for three days on application by Inspector J. H. Evans.

Three men argued over a seat in the bus, fought over it and landed in court before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday. Inspector Evans told the court that a bus coming from the New Territories was stopped for a routine search. After the search, the passengers re-boarded the bus when the argument arose as to whom should have which seat. Li Chai said it was his, but Ho Yuk and Lau Cheuk-yeo disagreed, so they fought over the seat and started the scrap, with both sides sustaining injuries that needed medical attention.

In court they were all bound over in the sum of \$100 for a year.

Opium divan keepers are not an uncommon thing but a woman boss is something unusual. Chung Yau-ling, a married woman, aged 26, pleaded guilty to keeping a divan at 100 Canton Road, before Mr. Blair-Kerr. She was fined \$300 or eight weeks. A smoker arrested, received a fine of \$500 or two weeks' imprisonment. Inspector Evans prosecuted.

The women were working at the Company's enamel works at Cheung-Sha-Wan.

A fine of \$300 was imposed by Mr. A. D. Scholes. Mr. V. Bond of the Labour Office prosecuted.

For being in possession of some 232 pounds of beef not bearing the Government mark, two men were fined \$250 or eight weeks' imprisonment by Mr. A. D. Scholes.

The men were arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station, where two baskets containing the beef were found on each of them.

Four Fined At Marine Court

At the marine court yesterday, four violators of harbour regulations were fined a total sum of \$544 by Mr. F. W. J. Skutell.

Wong Toi, 42-year-old master of a motor junk, charged with disembarking passengers at a place other than a port of the vessel, Tu Shan and Lee Chan-mui, were cautioned but were fined each \$7 for failing to take a licence.

The 46-year-old master of a trading junk was fined \$100 for carrying excess passengers. He was additionally fined \$10 for each of the 13 extra passengers.

Karens Control Most Of Burma

London, March 15.

Official reports reaching London today said that the Karen rebel forces have gained control of practically the entire country except for the capital of Rangoon.

Disaffection is spreading among Burmese Army units, evacuees reaching Calcutta said.

Units drawn from the hill tribes are showing an increasing tendency to join forces with the Karens.

In London, meanwhile, Viscount Addison told the House of Lords that Britain is withdrawing its military mission to Burma.

He said: "In view of the closing down of the Army Staff training college at Maymyo, where a part of the military mission was established, it was decided to withdraw our personnel and families."

Viscount Addison said the work of the mission was unavoidably ended and the British Government has suggested to the Burmese Government that officers and personnel could not fulfil the purposes for which they were posted to Burma and should be released for service elsewhere.

British nationals today evacuated Maymyo, 40 miles from Mandalay, in Central Burma. The British Consul left by plane with seven other British subjects, thus completing the evacuation except for a few civilians who chose to remain on their own responsibility.—United Press.

New Convictions In Theft Case

Up to yesterday 24 men involved in the theft of some 600 gallons of diesel oil, valued at about \$450, from the launch Cormorant on February 16 had been convicted on two separate charges of stealing oil and receiving stolen oil at Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

On February 25, the men were sentenced to six months' imprisonment each for stealing the oil.

Yesterday, three more were found guilty of stealing the oil and 11 were found guilty of receiving stolen oil. One was discharged as police withdrew the case against him.

The men were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to nine months.

The prosecutor's case was that on the night of February 16, police boarded the launch, Cormorant, owned by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and arrested the defendants at the launch and a junk tied alongside.

They were caught transferring the oil from the launch to the junk.

Dairy Farm Case Up At Central

The "Dairy Farm Case" in which two cow boys, Yiu Sang, aged 22, and Yiu Ping, aged 31, are charged with larceny by servant was continued before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. It was alleged that on December 14, defendants stole 10 cattles of cattle food from the Dairy Farm Company at Pokfulam.

Second defendant was charged in addition with unlawful possession of 70 cattles of cattle food at No. 10 Coolie Quarters in Pokfulam. This charge will be tried separately.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the second defendant while Mr. P. A. L. Vine was for the prosecution. Fitz defendant has already pleaded guilty.

After further evidence was given, the case was adjourned to March 18.

Who Made The Connection?

On February 7, near a duck shed in Tai 'Pei Tau' Village, Un Loong, a farm girl died suddenly, electrocuted by a live wire connecting the shed with the electric main on the road.

The cattle, grazing on a grass patch was killed in the same way. Whoever was responsible for this connection is guilty of a gross negligence, said Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, during the inquest of the death of Ho Hang-mul, aged 19.

"It is not clear, on the evidence before me, who was responsible for the connection. The Police might look into this and the one who affected the connection of the wire with the duck shed should be charged under the Electricity Supply Regulation No. 30. I can now only say that the penalty of \$100 under this regulation is highly inadequate."

Evidence produced stated that the shed had been blown down by typhoon last year. It was later repaired when the defective wiring which caused the girl's death, was struck.

The owner of the shed said that he did remember the man whom he employed to do the job.

A China Light and Power Company official told the court that regular inspections were made of areas hanging electrical wiring. The inspection of this particular area was due in March when the defect in the wire was bound to be revealed.

Inspector Watson was in charge of the inquest.

GOLD SEIZED

Revenue Inspectors seized 32 bars of gold yesterday on the waterfront.

The first arrest was made following the arrival here of the ss. Kwangsi from the Portuguese Colony. One of the passengers was found to have 28 gold bars tied around his waist. The gold was valued at HK\$32,000.

The second arrest was made after the arrival of the ss. Ping On from Macao. Four gold bars, valued at HK\$5,000, were found hidden in a passenger's shoes.

Reminders

Today

St. Patrick's Day. Wealth-laying ceremony. St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, 11 a.m.; Dinner and Dance, The Gripps, HK Hotel.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, screening of "The Colour Dyes Industry", Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Y's Men Club of Hong Kong, luncheon, Root Garden, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.

HK Electric Company, Ltd., annual meeting, P & O Building, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW Services, Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY HK University, annual sports, Pokfulam Pavilion, 1:20 p.m.

Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Reunion Dinner, at Queen's College, 7:30 p.m.

HK Volunteers' Association, Cabaret Dance, Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

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Legislative Council Passes Three Bills

Three bills passed into law at yesterday's session of the Legislative Council. They were:

New Approach To Social Problem

Hong Kong needs a more scientific approach, to its social problems.

Miss M. S. Watson, Principal Almoner of Queen Mary's Hospital, made this point in her address yesterday evening to members of the Social Services on "Family Case Work."

There is plenty of good faith and good intentions, but what is needed is a body of people, who will apply the same cool, impartial judgment to affairs as is applied by the case-worker to the problems of her client, Miss Watson said.

The case worker of today, she said, has a respect for individual integrity. She does not consider herself superior, socially or morally. She looks upon the individual in distress as a fellow-citizen and she offers to put at the service of the individual a specialist skill which has been built up through training and experience.

Hong Kong's band of Government and voluntary social workers doing their best to interpret existing social legislation to the best advantage of all concerned, she said, but to battle great evils such as poverty and disease, a more scientific approach is needed.

HK-Australia Air Service

A regular Hong Kong-Australia air service will shortly be inaugurated by the Qantas Empire Airways. It is authoritatively learned yesterday.

The first plane—a DC-4 Sky-master—is due to arrive at Kai Tak today at 12 noon.

Qantas plans to operate a fortnightly non-scheduled service first, pending official permission to run a scheduled weekly service.

The flight to Sydney, Qantas Sky-masters will leave Hong Kong at 11 a.m., make an overnight stay at Manila and leave the following morning for Darwin where it will arrive at 8 p.m.

Following a four-hour stay at Darwin during which passengers will be given medical attention, the Sky-masters will leave for Sydney, arriving there at 9 a.m., the following day—a flight of 42 hours.

To and from Sydney the planes will touch at Manila and Darwin. Single fare will be £150 round trip.

The Sky-master which is arriving here today will return to Sydney at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The second plane is due here on April 3 and will return to Sydney on April 5.

Mr. N. G. R. Gekko is Area Sales Superintendent, Far East, for Qantas Empire Airways, Limited.

RUBBER OUTPUT

The rubber output during February on the rubber estates managed by A.R. Burkill and Sons, Limited, was released by the company yesterday. Details follow:

	February	Financial year to date
	(Pounds)	(Pounds)
Latex	57,800	141,100
Condensed	103,000	221,000
Domestic	45,000	122,000
Kota Bharu	50,000	109,000
Bunches	75,000	169,000
Shanghai	41,800	100,000
Shanghai	90,000	212,000
Padang	23,000	52,470
Tanah Merah	95,917	1,175,702

Mongoose Looking Animal Turns Out To Be A Civet

The mongoose looking animal, rescued from villagers at Stanley by Mr. Valentine Novikov on Monday, has turned out to be a gem faced civet.

The animal was handed over to Mr. J. D. Romer yesterday by Mr. Novikov and Mr. William O'Neil Shaw. It has been suggested that the civet be released on Stonecutters Island to help deal with the snake problem there.

Approval from the authorities concerned, however, is necessary before this can be done.

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The Hong Kong Defence Force (Amendment Ordinance 1949)

The American Regulations (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, and

The British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited (Capital Conversion) Ordinance 1949.

On the motion of Dr. I. Newton, the Director of Medical Services, the second reading of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, was deferred for further consideration of amendments introduced since the first reading.

Two bills were introduced for first reading, both of which were unanimously approved. They were:

An Ordinance to Amend the Gambling Ordinance 1891 which when enacted, will legalise charity lotteries; and

An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance 1932 which, among other things, prohibits the taking of photographs in Court and their publication, a practice which, according to the Attorney-General has shown signs of emerging.

Council also approved the change of style for the Imports and Exports Department and its officers. Henceforth it shall be known as the Department of Commerce and Industry. The superintendent shall be styled Director of Commerce and Industry, and the assistant superintendent, Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry.

Lum Fined \$100 In Godown Case

Willeke Lum, of the Wing On Company, Limited, came before Mr. H. H. L. Wright yesterday in answer to two summonses against the Wing On Company, Limited, for storing dangerous goods in their godown No. 1.

Defendant was represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadsworth.

Mr. Charles William Brand, acting Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, conducted the prosecution.

The first offence was storing in their godown No. 1 on October 1, last year, 120 drums of caustic soda.

The second offence was storing 2,000 gallons of cellulose lacquer in drums and cases, 370 gallons of paint thinner, 900 gallons of lacquer and 3,000 gallons of rubber solvent.

Defence counsel pleaded for leniency by referring to the precedence of the Kowloon godown incident.

The magistrate cautioned Lum for the first offence and fined him \$100 for the second offence.

Recovery Of Property Asked

Hearing of the dispute over the ownership of No. 184, Queen's Road Central entered its third day yesterday before the Chief Justice.

Tsui Chun, 77-year-old widow, who claimed to be the owner, sought a declaration from the Court that the sale of the property in 1945 by her step-son Fung Kwok was illegal, and asked for recovery of the premises.

The Court yesterday heard evidence from the tenants of the premises.

Further hearing will take place at 10 a.m. this morning.



Mr. Paul E. Dorby, Vice-President of the California Ink Export Company, has arrived in Hong Kong to survey the market here and renew acquaintances. He plans to leave for Shanghai and Tokyo next Wednesday.

Mr. Dorby originally planned to leave earlier but has been unable to do so owing to the many invitations he has received from old and new friends in the Colony.

He said yesterday that the hospitality being extended to him is "amazing."

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters to correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

What About Racing?

Sir, It was with considerable interest that I read your leading article of yesterday on the subject of "Gambling Laws."

Your reference to so-called "mah jong schools" was most appropriate. If the police are really interested in eradicating the gambling evil, they would, I feel, be rendering the public a great service if they were to take immediate steps to close down the hundreds of "mah jong schools" which flourish in this Colony.

As it is common knowledge that many of these are hot-beds of crime and that some who visit these places are card-sharps on the look-out for "suckers" to fleece, it is most surprising that the police should tolerate their existence.

It is also a well known fact that losses at these "mah jong schools" are, to a certain extent, responsible for the increase of crime in this Colony.

I would challenge the authorities to come forward and say that "mah jong schools" are not "common gaming houses" within the definition laid down in Gambling Ordinance No. 2 of 1891.

In conclusion, I might add for the information of interested police officers, that many of those "Wanted Men" whose photographs and particulars are posted up at Police Stations and other points, lost money at the Happy Valley Race Course during Extra Race Meetings and not through betting on Football Pools. Why not, therefore, stop horse-racing, which is a most pernicious form of gambling and which has caused the downfall and ruin of more than one man?

SIMPLE SIMON.

Movie Review

Sir—A bunch of evil-smelling onions to the film review of "The Red Shoes" which you published yesterday.

This is just like asking asking a chap, "Have you read such-and-such a book? You must read it. It's wonderful." In the end prefer to take my picture from the start, and although I would like to know in advance whether the film is slow or fast moving, and whether there are any outstanding points in its production, I certainly don't want to know the fate of the heroine until I've seen \$5.50 worth of entertainment.

Indian Airline Expands Service

A Skymaster arrived here yesterday to mark the first commercial flight of the Bharat Air Line to Hong Kong.

Thirty Chinese women were the only passengers from Calcutta.

Mr. P. P. Singh, Manager of the Far East Division of the B.A.L., who arrived here last week to prepare for the expansion of the B.A.L. to the Far East, will leave for Shanghai and Tokyo next week to make similar arrangements.

"The B.A.L. is an Indian organization and operates the very latest types of Skymasters and Dakotas in linking all the Indian cities," Mr. Singh said.

The airline will operate a weekly flight from here in the near future.

GOLD CONFISCATED

Lok Ching-long, of 14, Lee Yuen Street, West, was charged at Central yesterday with trying to export five table of gold worth \$100,000.

The gold on the application of Inspector Urquhart, was ordered to be confiscated. Defendants' bail of \$10 was refunded.

Personalia

Mr. T. V. Lo, a leading Chinese film director, has left England for China by the ss. Canton after a stay of several months as the guest of the British Council to study British film technique and developments.

Mr. Lo, who came to London in October last, was in the last few weeks spent some time in Amsterdam and Paris inspecting film studios and factories where film equipment is manufactured.

Mr. A. Hollas, member of the British Textiles Enterprises Committee, will not arrive in Hong Kong until tomorrow afternoon. He was due here yesterday but the plane on which he is travelling has been delayed at Karachi.

A member of the Cotton Board, Mr. Hollas has had long experience in the weaving industry. He is coming here at the invitation of the Hong Kong Government to survey and advise on the cotton textile industry.

A number of local residents left for the United Kingdom by BOAC yesterday. They included Mrs. Eva Kiel, Mrs. E. J. Oakshott, Messrs F. A. Pollock, A. Montgomery, E. P. S. Hooper, D. E. Robertson, Lay Jon-keng and Hwei Sun-chung, and Mrs. Jelundovsky.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Runyon, Mrs. R. Avila, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Prata, Messrs V. F. Meyers, S. Utomai, W. Y. Wong, F. H. Wehben, A. Singh, T. Taurmal, E. A. Courtney, M. T. Liu and C. H. Chou.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mrs. C. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Marques, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cook, Messrs L. W. Merrill, A. G. C. Manley, E. S. Hooper, C. S. George, W. H. Ldwall, J. R. Rea, A. C. Spencer, L. Moore, J. C. Behague, J. Birns, R. Rechter, and Jen Young-chum.

The Reverend Mr. K. A. O'Hagan left for Japan yesterday by the ss. Fukien.

Mr. J. Morton, Mr. L. Beswick and Mr. F. J. D. Clemo left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tsinan.

Mrs. Fehly and Mr. B. H. Seward left for Japan by the ss. Clytemnestra yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham attended the gala performance of J. Arthur Rank's "The Red Shoes" at the Queen's Theatre last night.

The premiere was held for aiding the Hong Kong Family Welfare Association.

FORMER CONSUL IN KUNMING DIES

London, March 16.—The death of Mr. H. N. Steptoe, a former British Consul General in Kunming, China, was announced here today.

Mr. Steptoe, who was 57, was held as a prisoner by the Japanese during the last World War. His association with China began when he acted as a student interpreter in the China Consular Service in 1919.—Reuters.

HONG KONG NEEDS BUILDING PROGRAMME

"What Hong Kong needs today is an intelligent building programme," says Mr. J. Frank Barrett of the Barrett and Hilp Construction Company of San Francisco.

With thousands of people forced to live in hotels and thousands more crowded into tenement areas where living conditions are sub-human, it is truly extraordinary that no organised effort to solve the problem is evident, he observed.

One-storey, unattached dwellings such as the concrete-moulded homes going up all over Southern California might go a long way toward solving the problem.

Mr. Barrett said that his company alone could erect 400 or 500 such houses in a year.

Each of these comfortable, modern houses has a living room, dining room (small dining room), two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom.

They can be made larger, depending on the size of the family and number of servants to be accommodated, he said.

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"We have over 400 under construction in the vicinity of San Francisco," said Mr. Barrett. "They're really ideal for the climate."

Costing about US\$7,500 (approximately HK\$37,500), each of these houses will take a little over a month to complete.

"But they are permanent dwellings—as opposed to the prefabricated frame houses we put up

MACDOUGALL, KENNIFF & SLOSS LEAVING HK

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, revealed in Legislative Council yesterday that three Hong Kong residents—two of them senior Civil Servants—are leaving shortly.

They are Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Mr. V. Kenniff, Director of Public Works.

Sir Alexander said: "I wish to thank the Government service for their loyal support to me in the past. Whilst the debt I owe to my senior advisers, both official and unofficial, as well as to those who serve on Government committees, is incalculable."

Our Colonial Secretary, Mr. MacDougall, will be leaving us shortly. His departure from Hong Kong, for which he has done so much, will be a grievous loss.

"We are suffering a further loss with the departure of Mr. Sloss, who has been more than the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and of Mr. Kenniff."

"I am sure I express the sentiments of us all when I say how sorry we are that they are going, and that they take with them our best wishes."

Joined in 1930

Mr. MacDougall, the Colonial Secretary, who has retired from the Government Service, joined the Hong Kong Government in 1930. He was born on December 6, 1904 at Perth, Scotland.

Following two years' study of the Chinese language, he was appointed to be a Magistrate in Hong Kong. He has served as District Officer, South First Assistant to the Colonial Secretary, and Secretary of the Far Eastern Bureau of the British Ministry of Information.

When the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in December 1941, he, a party of naval officers, and Admiral Sir Chan Chak escaped to Free China in a motor torpedo-boat across Mrs. Bay.

During the war years, he served in Washington as Colonial Attaché at the British Embassy. He returned to Hong Kong on

Gubitchev Continues His Pose

New York, March 15.

Valentin Gubitchev, a Russian engineer, stood mute in a U.S. Federal Court today when Judge Simon Rifkind asked him to plead on an indictment accusing him of espionage.

The Judge then directed that a plea of not guilty be entered on his behalf and fixed the trial for April 1.

Bail of \$100,000 was continued for the United Nations employee. He will be tried with Judith Coplan, attractive Department of Justice employee, who is on \$20,000 bail. She is alleged to have provided him with U.S. Government documentary information.

Gubitchev, in continuing to refuse to enter a plea, adhered to his contention that he is entitled to diplomatic immunity.—Associated Press.



Mr. D. M. MACDOUGALL

September 2, 1945 as Chief Civil Officer under the Military Administration. He held the rank of Brigadier.

He was appointed Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong when Sir Mark Young returned to take over the administration from the military authorities.

Objection For Airline To HK

Washington, March 16.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said yesterday that Pan American Airways has protested North West Airlines' request for the Board's permission to operate temporarily into Hong Kong and Canton en route to Manila.

The Board said North West's request is under consideration, but did not indicate when a decision may be made. The Board further indicated that North West's request is a result of the disturbed situation in Shanghai, resulting in a decrease in business which North West is seeking to offset by operating to Hong Kong and Canton.

The Board also said that Pan American's request for authority to effect changes in its present Pacific services, and also to establish a new service from Seattle to Tokyo, now is before the Board for study. North West is opposing the proposed Seattle-Tokyo flight, seeing it as competition for its present Tokyo service via the Great Circle.

The Board did not state the nature of the changes Pan American is proposing to make in its Pacific service.—Associated Press.

HK ART CLUB

The Hong Kong Art Club has decided to hold all their sketching classes in the New Territories. The classes will take place on Sunday. Members should be at the Kowloon Star Ferry at 10.30 a.m. for transport.

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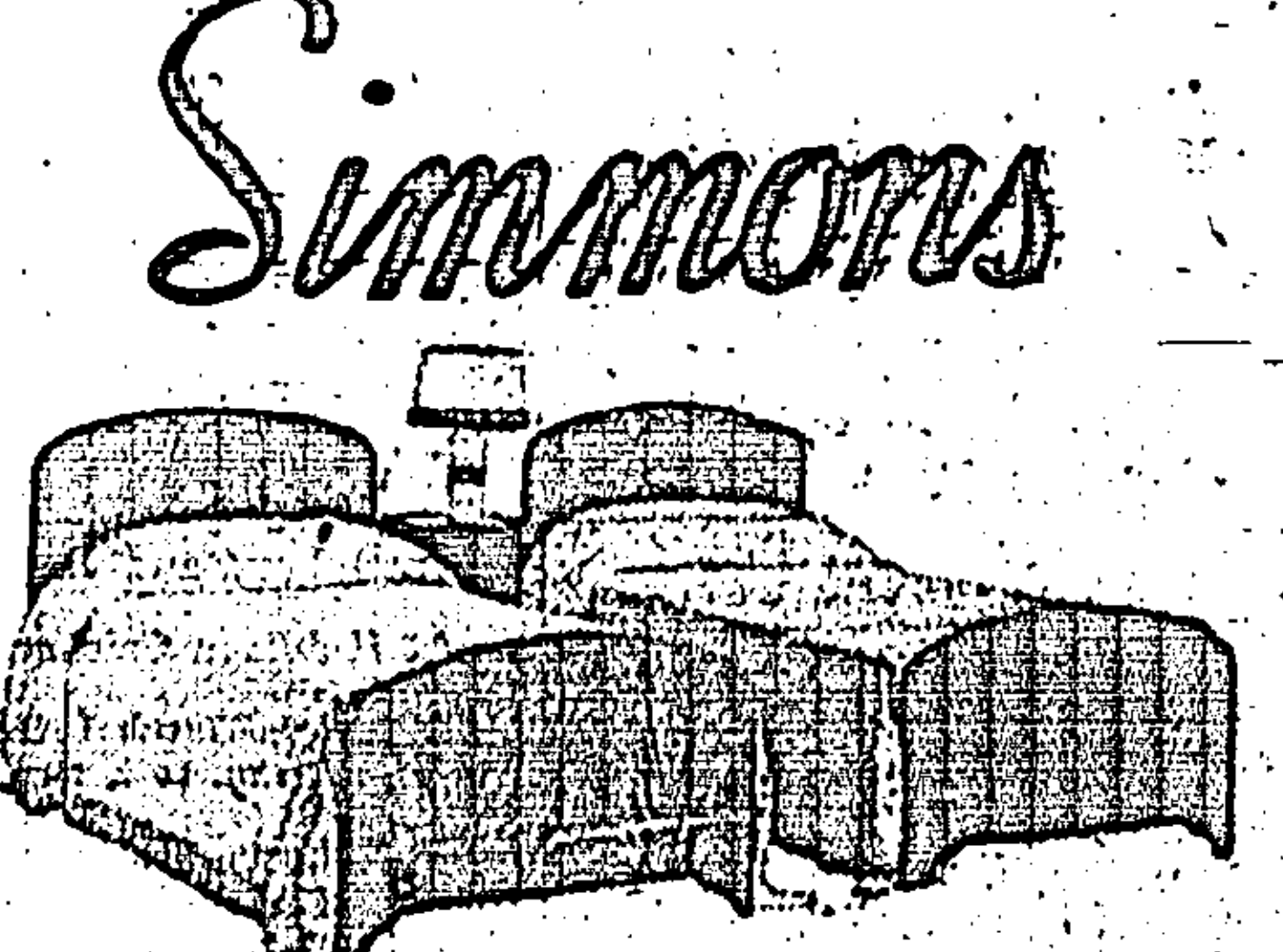
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday the 17th day of March, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By order of the Board,

D. B. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

Triplets And Mother Go Home

A quarry worker and her triplets—two boys and a girl—left the Tung Wah Hospital yesterday for their home at Stanley Village. The mother was allowed to remain in the maternity ward for three additional days by special permission from the Board of Directors.

The mother, Lo Ng, and the father, Tsang Hung who is a barber, and the triplets were taken home in the private car of Mr. T. H. Lau-lai, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital.

When she went home yesterday, the mother had with her HK\$1,400 in cash, some 60 tins of condensed milk, one enlarged photograph of herself and her three babies, and some 100 pieces of baby clothing, donated by members of the public.

The triplets are the first to be registered this year. Triplets were born at the Tung Wah hospital last year but did not survive.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED

The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, March 16, has been further delayed and is now expected to arrive on Thursday, March 17, 1949.

With effect from March 1, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded "by air to London only" and then by surface mail to destination, must be superseded "by Air to London only" (in future it will not be sufficient to merely supersede such correspondence "via London").

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kowloon and Luchow; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Mombasa via Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

Friday, March 18
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
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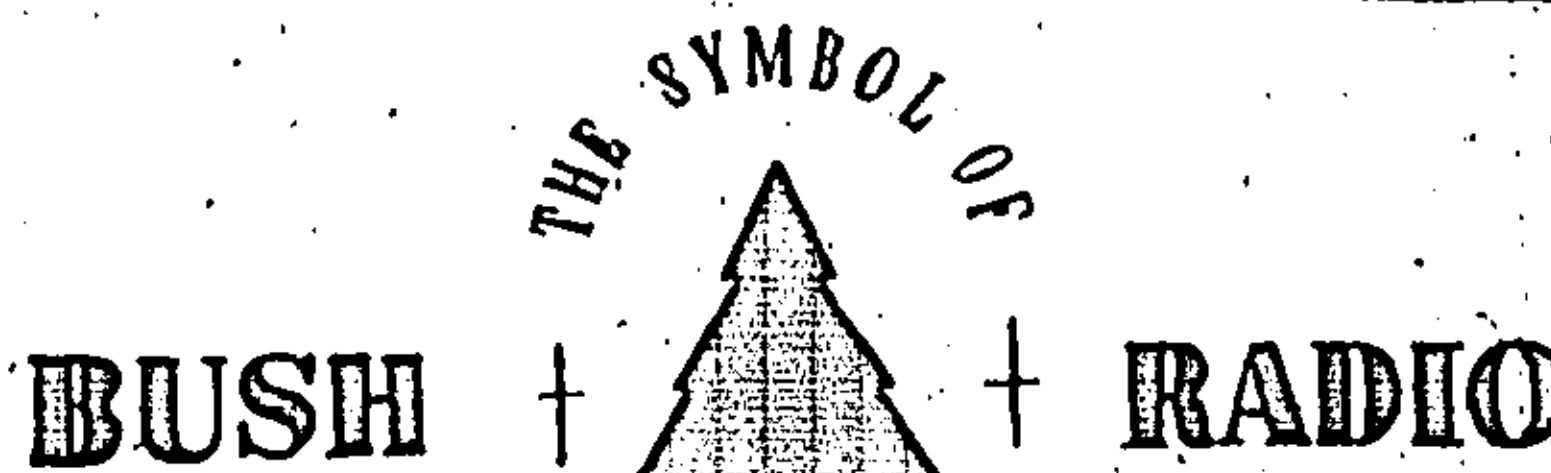
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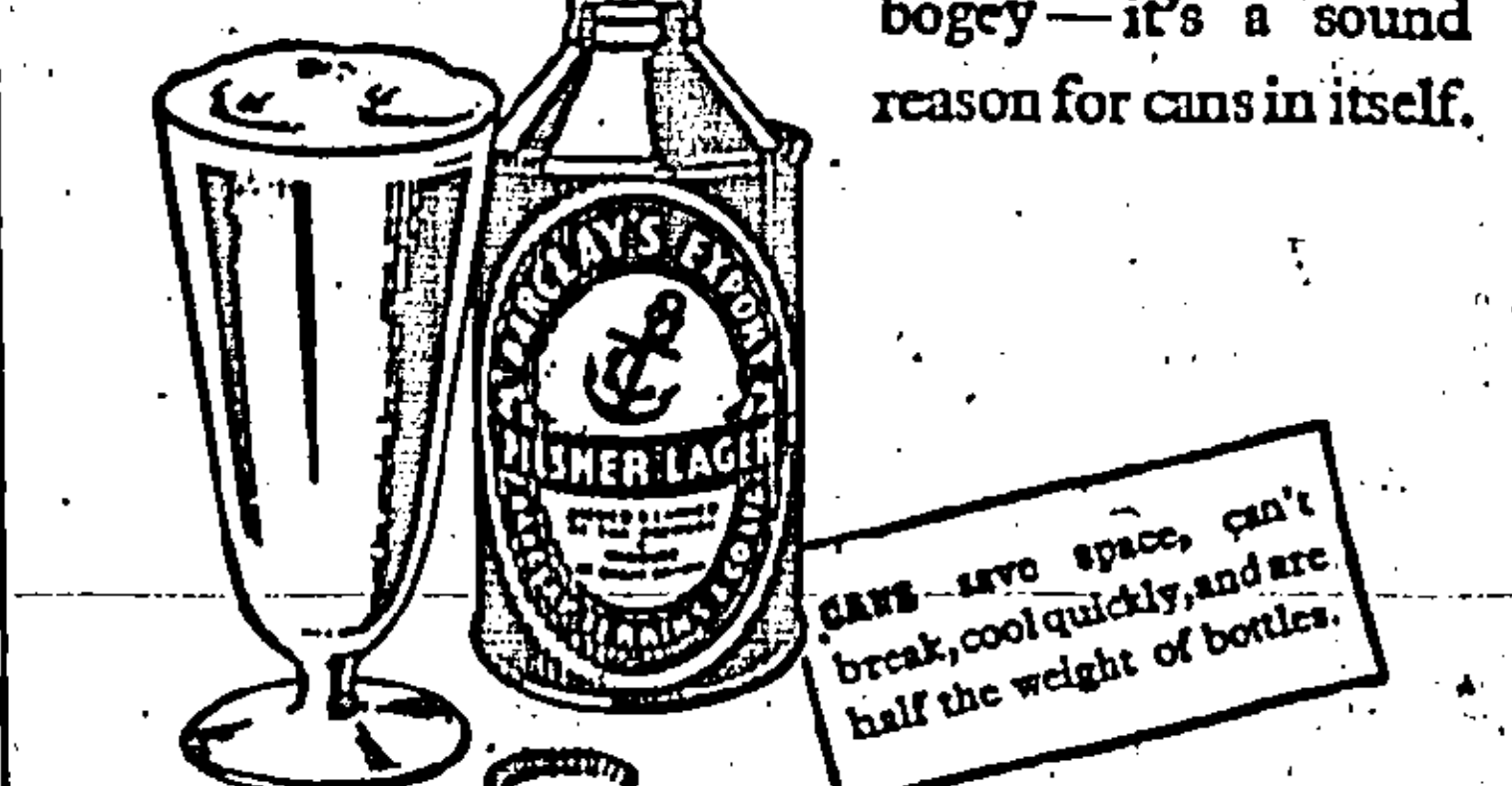
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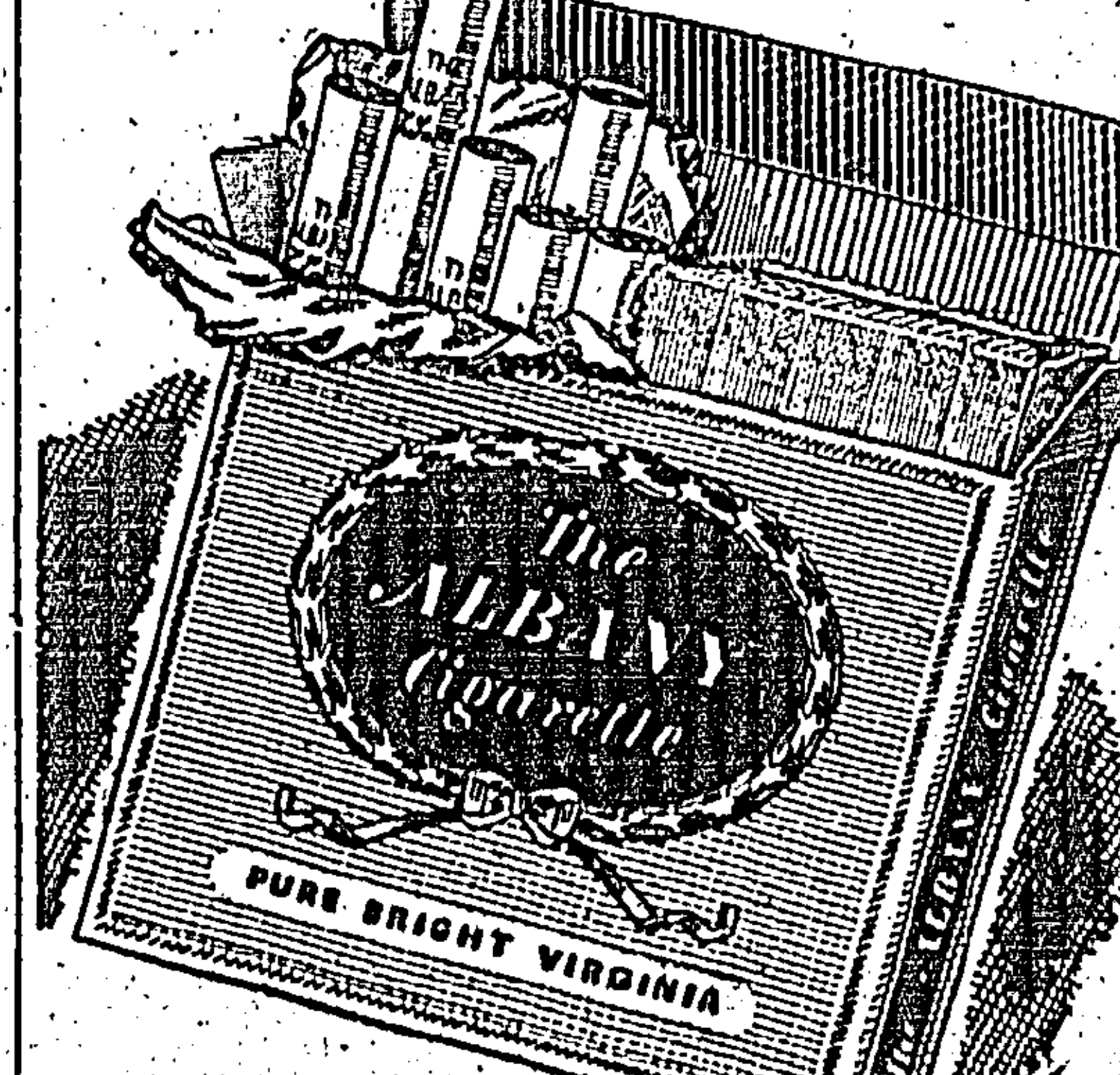
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HIGH-LOW FOR SAFETY
ONE SIMPLE use of the high-low or come-on signal is seldom made by players of average skill. They give such an "echo" only when they have a positive reason for desiring a lead of the suit, as a direct means of producing a trick for the side. Advanced students of the signal also employ it for a very important negative reason. That is, to prevent the partner from switching to some other suit which a lead by the defence may present a trick to the declarer. They would rather have an innocuous, harmless lead than one which will hurt the side.

Seeing the 2 on the first diamond, West shifted to his spade 2, and South got a gift trick with the J. He led the diamond 9 to the A, and the 7 came back to the Q, so that the ruff-and-over-ruff occurred anyway. The heart 7 was led to the K, heart 10 (finessed), heart A and Q scored, also the spade A and K, so that South had eight tricks and a game on his doubled contract of 2-Hearts.

If East had given the high-low 8 and 2 on the diamonds, the third diamond could have brought out the Q, the spade 3 and spade 10. This would have left East sure of one trick in trumps. That plus two in diamonds, three in clubs and one in spades would have produced a total of seven, setting the contract two tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem
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H K Q 9 3
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SCIENCE WON'T BE USED HERE

Shawbury, March 15. The British crews of six Lancaster bombers which took off here today on a 7,000-mile training flight will tonight discard all the intricate navigational aids provided by modern science and fly entirely by star observation and dead reckoning.

Radar and radio aids will be forgotten as the six planes take off from Castel Bruto, North Africa, at dusk to fly to Khartoum, in the Sudan.

The planes are due at Khartoum tomorrow and will leave again on Friday to fly back to Britain, ending at Fayid, in the Canal Zone, and Luqa, Malta. During these later stages, the most recent developments in navigational technique will be utilised.

The Air Ministry announced that the flights will anticipate possible future long-range navigation and provide an opportunity for the use of experimental navigational techniques.

The Lancaster force is attached to the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawbury.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

2.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

2.32 p.m.—"Band Stand" Band of the Irish Guards. (BBC)

1.00 p.m.—Light Variety of Regular Irish Songs.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Come into the Parlour" Music and Songs from Northern Ireland. (BBC)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour "Picture Crack" by Joan Marsh. (BBC)

6.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Interview with Frank Hitchcock. An unexpected visitor to Hong Kong. (Studio)

7.25 p.m.—"The Best of Times" Presented by Paul Smart. (Studio)

7.45 p.m.—"Generally Speaking" A Talk for St. Patrick's Day by James Stephens. (London Relay)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's Office" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Short Irish Concert with John McCormack as Guest Artist.

8.35 p.m.—"Concert" Concerto No. 2 in G Minor. Op. 63 (Prokofiev) Jascha Heifetz (Violin) and Boston Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—"Hing Kong" Dances to Edith Gossman and His Orchestra, from the Ritz Ballroom, North Point. Vocal: Cora Haller.

9.30 p.m.—"Picture Parade"—"The Window Boy". (BBC)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—"Navy Mixture Melodious" Vocal and Orchestral. (BBC)

11.00 p.m.—Country Dance Party. Traditional Dances and Folk Songs. (BBC)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Amman, March 15.

"The Jews have challenged the Security Council once more in their advance and occupation of Um Rashrash and the Palestinian Red Sea coast," the Transjordan Premier, Huda Pasha, accused in a press conference this morning.

"The Jews are claiming that they have advanced into territory given to them by the U.N.'s resolution but the Security Council orders are clear that everybody should stay where they are and not take advantage of seizing new strategic positions.

"The Jews in their latest movement have violated UN orders and acquired a position on the Red Sea shore between the Egyptian and Transjordan borders," Huda Pasha said.

TNT RADIO SETS SOLD TO PUBLIC

Detroit, March 15. Through a slip in an undisclosed Government agency, radio sets containing explosives have been sold to the public as "war surplus."

The number was above 1,500 but not all contained explosive plus a detonator, which was designed to destroy the sets if their capture appeared imminent during the war.

The authorities warned persons, who had bought the sets at a mere fraction of their cost, of the danger they faced.

In Washington, an investigation is under way to determine how the sets were classified as "surplus" and got to the public. The sets are of a high frequency.

They were carried by Allied war planes, which automatically sent identifying signals for the benefit of anti-aircraft forces. They cannot be used as ordinary radio receivers or transmitters and their civilian purchasers bought them for the parts they contained.

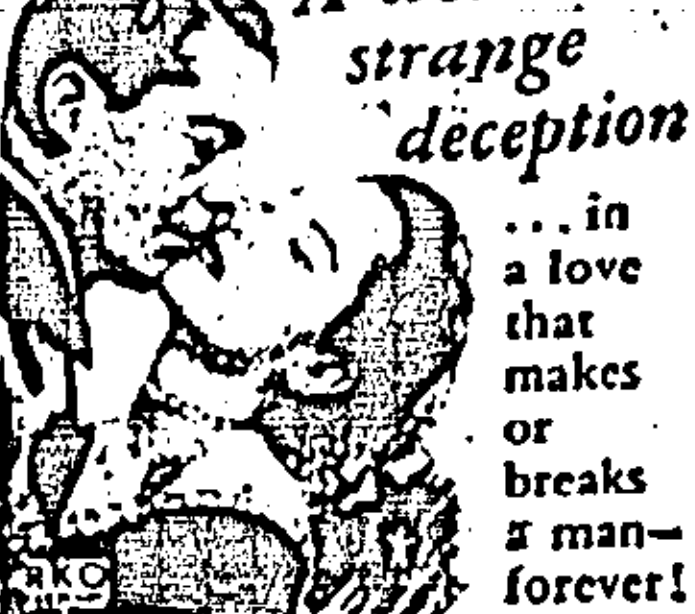
Only three were recovered here. The purchaser of one discovered a six-inch tube containing TNT and its detonator and notified the authorities.—United Press.

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Decisive Turning Point

By Winston Churchill

September, like June, was a month of extreme opposing stresses for those who bore the responsibility for British war direction. The air battle, already described, on which all depended, raged with its greatest fury and rose steadily to its climax. The victory of the Royal Air Force on September 15 is seen now in retrospect to have marked its decisive turning-point. But this was not apparent at the time, nor could we tell whether even heavier attacks were not to be expected or how long they would go on.

The fine weather facilitated daylight fighting on the largest scale. Hitler, who had welcomed this, but when I visited Air Vice-Marshal Park at No. 11 Group in the third week of September I noticed a slight but definite change in outlook. I asked about the weather, and was told it was set fair for some days to come. This, however, did not seem to be as popular a prospect as it had been at the beginning of the month. I had the distinct feeling that a break in the weather would no longer be regarded as a misfortune.

RECORD BUDGET

The privileged minority of Hong Kong residents who pay taxes will breathe more freely today as they read the figures of a budget which sets an all-time record in public expenditure in the Colony. Despite requirements estimated at nearly \$30,000,000 more than last year, the budget has been balanced, with very little extra taxation (although the hint was again given that increases can be expected in future).

Two cents more on a bottle of aerated waters will not cause a trade depression, nor will business transactions become moribund because of a further five cents on the stamp duty. The Colony was one of the few places in the world where local postal rates had remained at their pre-war level up to now, and a material raising of charges will not affect even the poorest-paid sections of the community to any extent.

It must be admitted, however, that the budget could not have been balanced without considerable extra taxation. It was not for the \$18,000,000 grant made by the Home Government as part of the war expenditure settlement. This sum masks what can only be regarded as over-expenditure at a time when business is noticeably falling off and the political outlook in the Far East is far from reassuring. It is all too well known that the burden in taxation here is carried by a disproportionately small number of persons, while thousands who live very comfortably pay not a penny. This is a problem which may be insoluble without importing numerous European experts who also magically could speak and read Chinese, but in that case, the necessity is even stronger to prevent putting an intolerable load on those who cannot escape.

Despite its description as a defence budget, the over-shadowing item is not for security personnel and equipment, but for the innumerable government workers in general, the volume of which inevitably continues to increase. No less than \$73,026,874 is earmarked for civil service salaries—two-fifths of the entire expenditure. This is indeed a staggering figure. There is no doubt that some departments are understaffed and overworked, and most public servants can make out a good case that they are not being too highly paid, but the fact remains that a review of Hong Kong's requirements in this respect is very necessary.

In his speech, the Governor pointed to the fact that 1940 had been a record year for the Colony's trade, and implied a consequent increase in confidence, judging by the amount of building still taking place. He sounded a note of warning, however, that the future is indeed uncertain. Much pruning of expenditure had been carried

Meanwhile, all the evidences of impending German invasion multiplied. Upwards of 3,000 self-propelled barges were counted on our air photographs in the Dutch, Belgian and French ports and over-mouths. We could not tell exactly what reserves of larger vessels might not be gathered in the Rhine estuary, or in the Baltic, from which the Kiel Canal was still open.

In my examination of the invasion problem I have set forth the reasoning on which I based my confidence that we should beat them if they came, and consequently that they would not come. All the same it was impossible to watch these growing preparations, week after week, in the photographs and reports of agents, without a sense of awe. A thing like this gets hold of you bit by bit.

The Chiefs of Staff were, on the whole, of the opinion that invasion was imminent, while I was sceptical and expressed a contrary view. Nevertheless, it was impossible to quell that inward excitement which comes from the prolonged balancing of terrible things. Certainly we strained every nerve to be ready. Nothing was neglected that could be achieved by the care and ingenuity of our command.

[what I now have] to the Cabinet. The country is your debtor and of your Ministry. Prime Minister to Lord Beaverbrook. 25. ix. 40. These wonderful results, achieved under circumstances of increasing difficulty, make it necessary for me to ask to convey to your department the warmest thanks and congratulations from His Majesty's Government.

Their Future

Prime Minister to S. of S. for War. 25. viii. 40. I have been thinking over our very informal talk the other night, and am moved to write to you because I hear that the whole position of the command is being questioned. They have been told "no more recruiting" and that their future is in the melting-pot. I thought therefore I might write to let you know how strongly I feel that the Germans have been right, both in the last war and in this, in the use they have made of storm troops.



TEAM WORK BY LORD BEAVERBROOK

Wild ammunition were exhausted. This was the favourite of the fighter pilots. The factory on which it depended had been bombed. I saw that this hit Park hard, but after a gulp and a pause he replied magnificently: "We fought them without it before, and we can fight them without it again."

In my talks with Air Marshal Dowding, who usually motored over from Uxbridge to Chequers, during the week-ends, the sense of the battle was evident. The weekly figures over which I pored showed we had adequate numbers provided the weight of the battle attack did not increase. But the physical and mental stresses upon the pilots were not reflected on the paper charts.

Facing Odds

For their sublime devotion, often facing odds of five and six to one, for all the sense of superiority which their continued success and the enemy's heavy losses created, there are limits to human endurance. There is such a thing as sheer exhaustion, both of the spirit and the animal. I thought of Wellington's mood in the afternoon of the Battle of Waterloo: "Would God that night, or Blucher would come." This time we did not want Blucher.

out, and because of that many projects had been temporarily abandoned—more schools and teachers, more roads etc., while the matter of a civic centre could not even be considered.

Such highly necessary schemes had been put aside because of security measures, notably the police and the Defence Force. In view of the potential conditions in the future, this can only be regarded, as the Governor said, as a form of insurance. He added that the necessary projects were not being implemented because of a wish to avoid substantial taxation increases, thereby inflicting a damaging blow on the economy. With such remarks it is difficult to argue, and with certain reservations the public can accept this budget with reasonable equanimity.

uity of our commanders, the vigilance of our large and formidable armies, and the unquenchable and fearless spirit of our whole people.

Vital Units

By the middle of September, the invasion menace seemed suddenly glaring to arrest further movement of vital units to the East, especially as they had to go round the Cape. After a visit to the Dover sector, where the electric atmosphere was compulsive, I suspended for a few weeks the dispatch of the New Zealanders and the remaining two tank battalions to the Middle East. At the same time I kept our three fast transport—"the Glen Line" ships—as they were called—in hand for an emergency dash through the Mediterranean.

The Reader must pardon this

Prime Minister to First Lord. 18. ix. 40. Surely you can run to a new Admiralty flag. It grieves me to see the present dingy object every morning. I was relieved by the results produced by the new Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Prime Minister to Lord Beaverbrook. 12. ix. 40. The figures you gave me of the improvement in operational types between May 10 and August 30 are magnificent. If similar figures could be prepared down to September 30, which is not far off, I should prefer to send them to the Cabinet rather than circulate them. If, however, the September figures cannot be got until late in October, I will read

In 1918, the infiltrations which were so deadly to us were by storm troops, and the final defence of Germany in the last four months of 1918 rested mainly upon brilliantly posted and valiantly fought machine-gun nests. In this war all these factors are multiplied. The defeat of France was accomplished by an incredibly small number of highly equipped elite, while the full mass of the German Army came on behind, could good the conquest and occupied it.

If we are to have any campaign in 1941 it must be amphibious in its character, and there will certainly be many opportunities for minor operations, all of which will depend on surprise landings of lightly equipped, nimble forces accustomed to work like packs of hounds instead of being moved about in the ponderous manner which is appropriate to the regular formations.

For every reason therefore we must develop the storm troops or commandos. I have asked for 5,000 parachutists, and we must also have at least 10,000 of these small "bands of brothers" who will be capable of lightning action. In this way alone will those positions be secured which afterwards will give the opportunity for highly-trained regular troops to operate on a larger scale.

Large Bands

The realisations of the War Office were obstinate, and increased as the professional ladder was descended. The idea that

large bands of favoured "irregulars" with their unconventional attire and free-and-easy bearing should throw an implied slur on the efficiency and courage of the Regular battalions was odious to men who had given all their lives to the organised discipline of permanent units. The colonels of many of our finest regiments were aggrieved. "What is there they can do that my battalions can't? This plan robs the whole Army of its prestige, and of its finest men. We never had it in 1918. Why now?" It was easy to understand those feelings without sharing them. The War Office responded to their complaints. But I pressed hard.

On September 13 the main Italian army began its lunge expected advance across the Egyptian frontier.

The Italian attack opened with a heavy barrage on our positions near the frontier town of Sollum. When the dust and smoke cleared the Italian forces were seen ranged in a remarkable order. In front were motor-cyclists in light and front to rear behind them were light tanks and many rows of mechanical vehicles. In the words of a British colonel, the spectacle resembled "a birthday party in the Long Valley at Aldershot." The 3rd Coldstream Guards, who confronted this imposing array, withdrew slowly, and our artillery took its toll of the generous targets presented to them.

We Called

Further South two large enemy columns moved across the open desert South of the long ridge that runs parallel to the sea and could be crossed only at Halfaya—the "Hellfire Pass" which played its part in all our later battles. Each Italian column consisted of many hundreds of vehicles, with many anti-tank guns, and artillery in front, and with forced infantry in the centre. This formation, which was several times adopted, we called the "Hedgehog."

Our forces fell back before these great numbers, taking every opportunity to harass the enemy, whose movements seemed erratic and indecisive. Graziani, afterwards explained that at the last moment he decided to change his plan of an enveloping desert movement and "concentrate all my forces on the left to make a lightning movement along the coast to Sidi Barrani."

Accordingly, the great Italian mass moved slowly forward along the coast road by two parallel tracks. They attacked in waves of infantry carried in lorries, sent forward in 50s. The Coldstream Guards fell back skillfully at their convenience from Sollum to successive positions for four days, inflicting severe punishment as they went. On the 17th the Italian Army reached Sidi Barrani. Our casualties were 40 killed and wounded, and the enemy's about 10 times as many. Including 150 vehicles destroyed. Here, with their communications lengthened by 60 miles, the Italians settled down to spend the next three months. They were continually harassed by our small mobile column, and

I see Ho Ying-Chin has "a new streamlined cabinet." May manage to penetrate the sound barrier if he really tries hard.

The Atlantic pact is said to be making the Japanese nervous. But then, they always had a Military Yen.

Sober drive to kill sparrows in Germany. Yes, verily, Marshal Stalin seeth even a sparrow fall.

Headlines in a contemporary: "Deadly wireless sets. All a mistake." That's what I thought.

Two and a half million Russian mothers have been awarded decorations for having more than five children. What is home without a medal?

Money shortage is China's pressing problem to pay her troops. Not more paper!

About 60 Nationalist Army men attended a secret conference in Canton. Shows there are still some left South of the Yangtze.

This bill to rationalize English spelling has been in the air for a long time. How do you think, don't you?

A wolf may be defined as a big damo hunter.

A scientist says that an atom-powered space ship would get to the moon in two days. Intending holiday-makers must book ahead, as the moon is often full.

An astounded writer to the newspapers has explored every avenue. But he still hasn't found a flat.

The biological bomb sounds horribly illogical.

Mail comes to the Colony who can erect 70 houses a day. Let's make sure he never gets a clearance.

Indian Communists armed with bows and arrows shot at policemen. Honestly, these people are nearly stupefied for a new way of dividing their points home to opponents.

A Swedish chemist backs bacteria to save mankind from being swamped by the insect world. We're with Eweson.

suffered serious maintenance difficulties.

All the time I had a fear for Malta which seemed almost defenceless.

Prime Minister to General Ismay for C.I.G.S. 21. ix. 40. This telegram from Governor and C.-in-C. Malta confirms my apprehensions about Malta.

Beaches defended on an average 100 yards from the coast, and no reserves for counter-attack worth speaking of leave the island at the mercy of a landing force. You must remember that we do not possess the command of the sea around Malta. The danger therefore appears to be extreme. I should have thought four battalions were needed, but owing to the difficulty of moving transports from the West, we must be content with two for the moment. We must find two good ones. Apparently there is no insuperable difficulty in accommodation.

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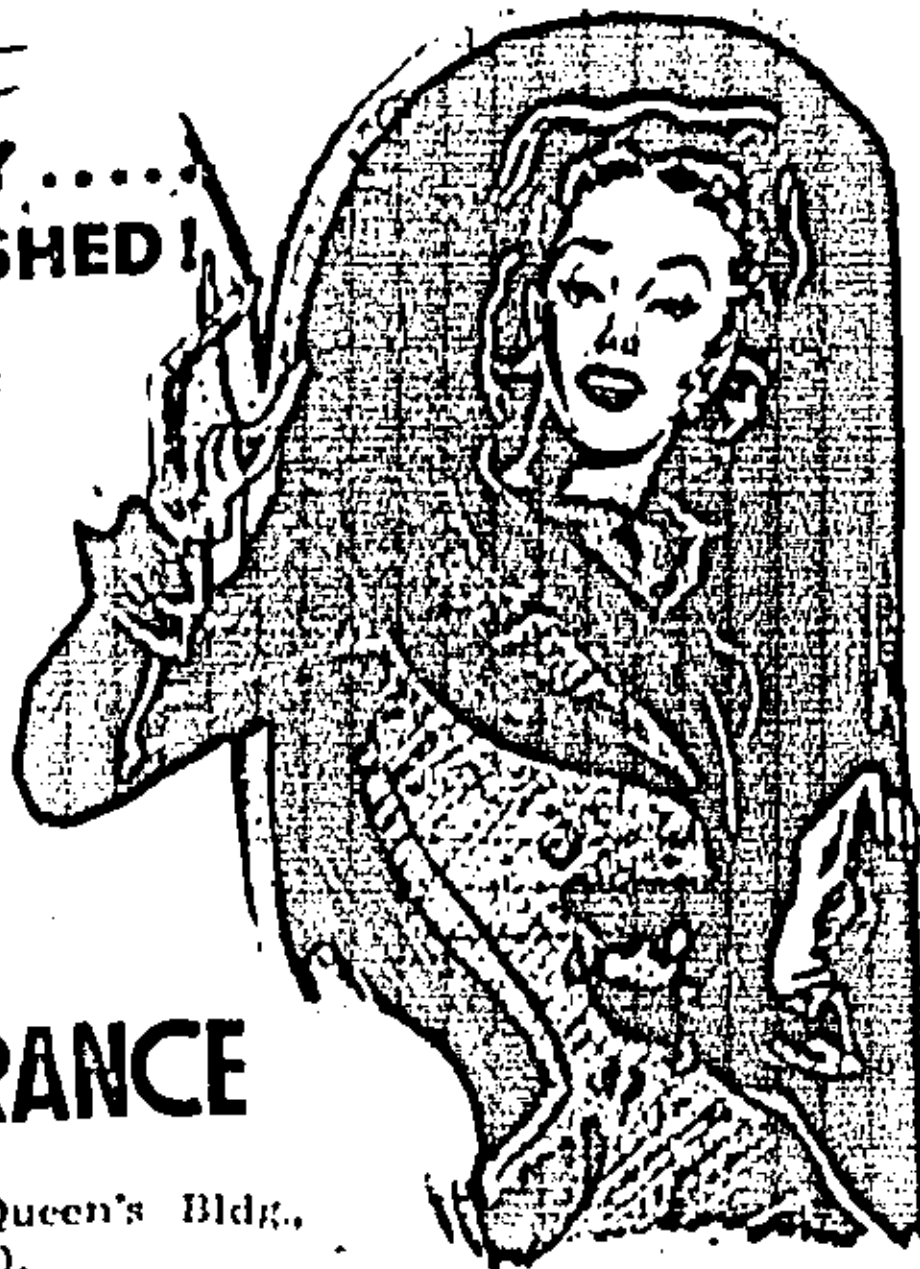
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BRITAIN'S BIGGER AIR FORCE

London, March 15. Britain is now beginning to put into effect the first stage of her programme for increasing the front line strength of her bomber striking force, the Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, told the House of Commons today.

He was asking for a vote of £207 million for the Air Force for next year—£24 million more than the original estimate for this year.

Other facts he gave about the Royal Air Force were:

The re-equipping of the day and night fighter and ground attack squadrons overseas with jet fighters should be completed by June next year.

The latest types of Meteor and Vampire jet fighters, the finest in service in the world today, now used by the R.A.F. are much better than the original versions. But the newer types being developed will be much better still.

"I can say with confidence that the lead we now hold in day fighters will be maintained in the future," he said.

Orders have been placed in quantity for a twin-jet bomber capable of a speed approaching 600 miles an hour, which is being developed, and for a twin jet night fighter.

Explaining why the re-equipping of the R.A.F. bomber force with jet bombers has been deferred, Mr. Henderson said they could have developed at great cost a type of jet bomber built around the existing jet engine, or developed another piston engine type. Both would have become obsolete in a very few years.

It had therefore been decided to concentrate on long-term development of advanced jet bombers, he said, adding that the Fighter Command jet fighter force is being doubled. This process should be completed by the middle of next month.—Reuter.

Decision On Jap War Criminals

Washington, March 15.

The Far Eastern Commission has decided that there will be no further trials of Japanese on charges of having planned, prepared or conspired to wage a war of aggression.

A directive to this effect has been sent to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Japan.

One effect of the decision is to render even less likely the possibility that Emperor Hirohito may one day be charged with having planned or conspired in an aggressive war.

Previous policy decisions by the Commission have mechanically left the Allies free to take whatever action they felt desirable.

POPE'S PRAYERS FOR CHINA

Vatican City, March 16.

Pope Pius XII has told China's Minister to the Holy See, Wu Ching-hsiung, that he offers constant prayer for the well being of China.

China is now passing through great trials and tribulations, the Vatican radio said yesterday.

The Pope's message was delivered to the Minister together with the Pontiff's congratulations for Mr. Wu's recent translation of the New Testament into Chinese.—Associated Press.

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Stockholm, March 15.

Russia's new note to Sweden, alleging persecution of Soviet citizens wishing to return home, is thought by observers here to be part of a four-front nerve war against Scandinavia.

In the note, the second in two weeks, the Soviet Embassy last night rejected the Swedish explanations given in a reply of March 2 to Russia's original note of February 28.

It demanded that Sweden "cease persecuting Soviet citizens who intend to return to the Soviet Union."

It also called for the release from prison of an Estonian named Erik Suurvaal, who has pleaded guilty to spying, and referred again to cases of Baltic people "terrorised by the Swedish authorities from returning home," as alleged previously.

The note follows Russian press attacks on three other Nordic countries—Norway, Denmark, and Finland—who are negotiating to join the North Atlantic Alliance, and Finland, where the Premier, M. Karl Fagerholm, is preparing to replace his Social Democrat Government by a coalition including the Communists.

Soviet newspapers, reaching here have described Norway as a "spring-board for imperialistic attacks on the Soviet Union," Denmark as "embarking on dangerous military adventures," and the Fagerholm Government as "reactionary and anti-Soviet."

Inspired Rumours

Rumours—believed by Swedish observers to be Russian-inspired—have circulated in Stockholm and Helsinki that the Red Army is massing troops along the Finnish-Norwegian borders.

Usually well-informed sources here forecast that Sweden will reply to Russia's latest note in the same firm and slightly ironic terms as to the previous Soviet note of last month.

These sources describe Russia's charges that Sweden is putting obstacles in the way of Baltic wishing to return to the Soviet Union as ridiculous.

Tito's Overthrow Said Imminent

Istanbul, March 16.

Diplomatic and intelligence quarters in Istanbul warned last night: "Keep your eyes on Yugoslavia." Something might happen, they said cautiously.

One source said he expects the imminent overthrow of Marshal Tito. Tito will face his greatest test this Spring, he says.

Refugees arriving in Istanbul from Yugoslavia said the Communist influence is intensifying its pressure from within and without.

Bulgarian and Rumanian forces are closing in along the Yugoslav frontier. Marshal Tito has drawn up seven divisions along the Albanian and Macedonian frontiers.

Within Yugoslavia, anti-Tito bands are hidden in forests. Desertions from the army are numerous. High officers have fled to Albania, where Russia has built up a mission of 3,000 military instructors to teach the Albanian Army which probably numbers about 1,000.

A mixed division of emigrants from Montenegro, together with Albanian and Macedonians, has been formed at Scutari in Albania.

Arms are coming into Albania from Russia.

Marshal Tito is fully aware of his danger.

To offset it he has purged the administration of all suspected elements he can dispose of. He has purged his army of 3,000 officers even at the cost of several divisions.

He has formed four military high commands at Novi Sad, Nish, Zagreb and Sarajevo to centralise control of the army and has regrouped his forces to safeguard what he considers to be dangerous frontiers.—Associated Press.

INQUEST INTO STACK'S DEATH

Karachi, March 15.

Flying Officer Tubb, of the Royal Air Force, today told the court inquiring into the death of the British air officer, Captain Neville Stack, that he saw the latter eating a good breakfast shortly before his death on February 22.

Captain Stack was killed by a lorry, and the Karachi police said he had committed suicide. His two sons are here trying to vindicate their father's name.

Squadron Leader McLoughlin also said he had been with Captain Stack at breakfast on February 22. "His demeanour was perfectly calm and natural," the Squadron Leader said.

The court adjourned until Friday.—Reuter.

SOVIET AIR THREAT TO AMERICA

Cincinnati, March 15.

Soviet air accomplishments are a definite threat to American air supremacy, Mr. William Jordan, President of the Curtiss Wright Corporation, one of America's largest aircraft manufacturers, said here today.

He would not want to be the pilot of the first American bomber over Russia, because, there would probably be a sky full of fighter planes, he told reporters in an interview.

"We talk about our planes flying at great heights, but the Russians have planes flying higher," he said.

"We say we are producing great quantities of planes, but the Russians are producing more."—Reuter.

QUEUILLE GETS OVER HURDLE IN ASSEMBLY

Paris, March 15.

The French National Assembly tonight rejected a vote of censure against Premier Henri Queuille's Government by 350 to 228. M. Queuille defended his Government's policy shortly before the vote on the de Gaulle censure motion.

He bitterly attacked both the Communists and de Gaulle and said the Government will do everything in its power to save France from another invasion and occupation.

M. Queuille said that both the Communists and the followers of General Charles de Gaulle were trying to ruin France's recovery hopes.

The vote climaxed a tempestuous session in which Jacques Duclos, Communist Parliamentary leader, threw the Assembly into an uproar when he said that the Government wants a preventive war against Soviet Russia.

M. Duclos also tabled a second censure motion against the Government on behalf of the Communist Party. The vote on this second censure motion is not expected to be taken until early next week, after Sunday's Departmental elections.

The Premier lashed back at the de Gaulle and the Communists with one of the toughest speeches of his career.

Enemies Of War

"M. Thorez has spoken of our preparations for aggression," he said. "We are enemies of war. We do not wish to see any mother anxious. But we do not want our soil to be invaded."

"France is animated, as it always has been, with a desire for peace, but we should take all necessary precautions to spare our country another invasion and occupation."

"I do not understand how such a policy can be regarded as aggressive."

M. Queuille's statement brought thunderous applause from middle-of-the-road Deputies.

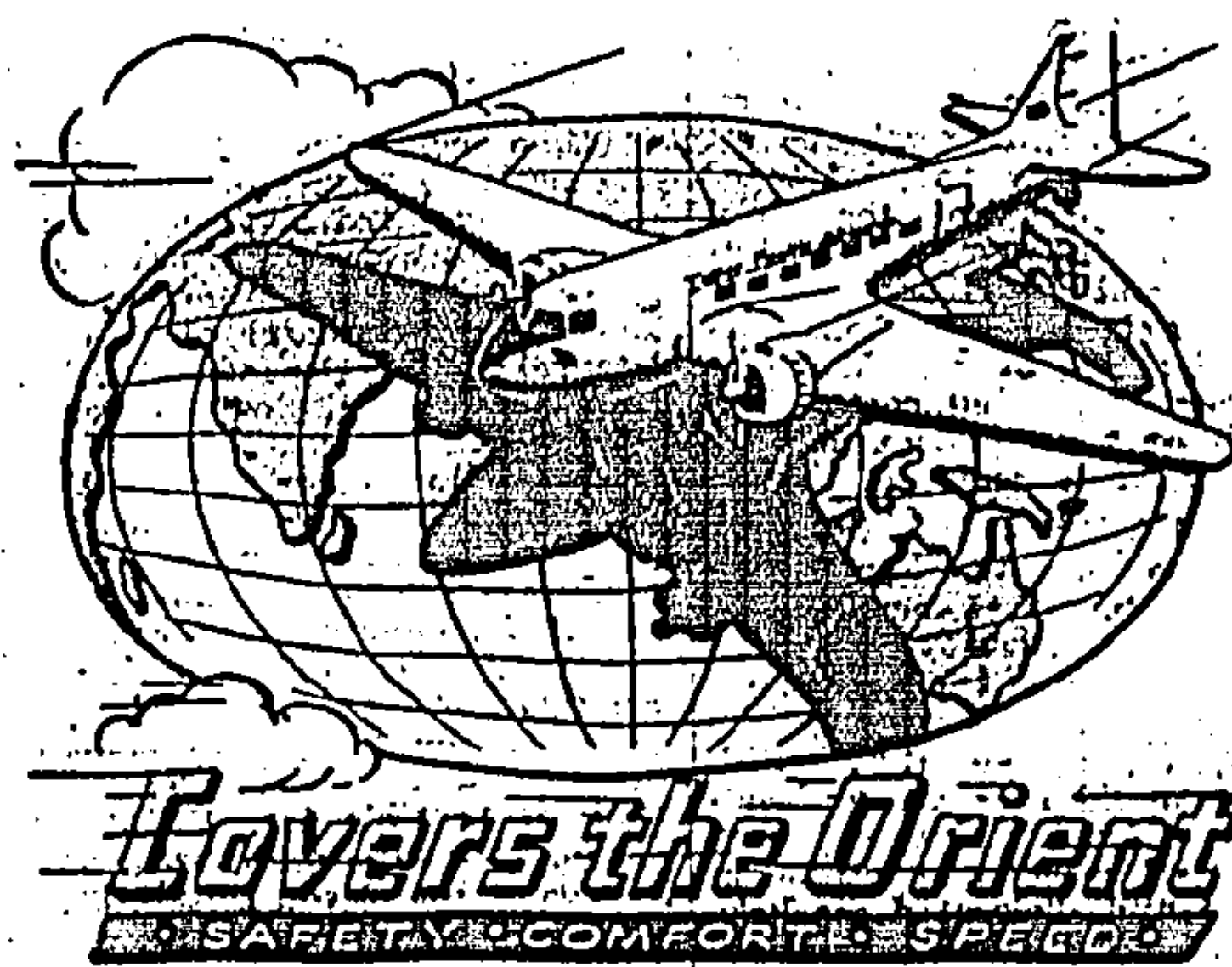
This was the first time the two extreme parties has lined up in such a clear-cut, even though tacit, alliance against the Government. The vote against the Government came from 163 Communists and 45 de Gaulle supporters.—United Press.

FAMOUS AIRMAN ON TRIAL

Paris, March 15.

Lieutenant-Colonel Costes first man to fly from Paris to New York, told a Paris court today that he was a fully-paid agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the war.

Colonel Costes is on trial before a military tribunal charged with giving information about Hispano-Suiza aircraft components to the Germans, and with working for German counter-espionage in North Africa. He denies both charges. His co-defendant, a stunt pilot, Pilot Cavallier, said: "I worked with the Germans for one reason only—to escape to the United States."—Reuter.



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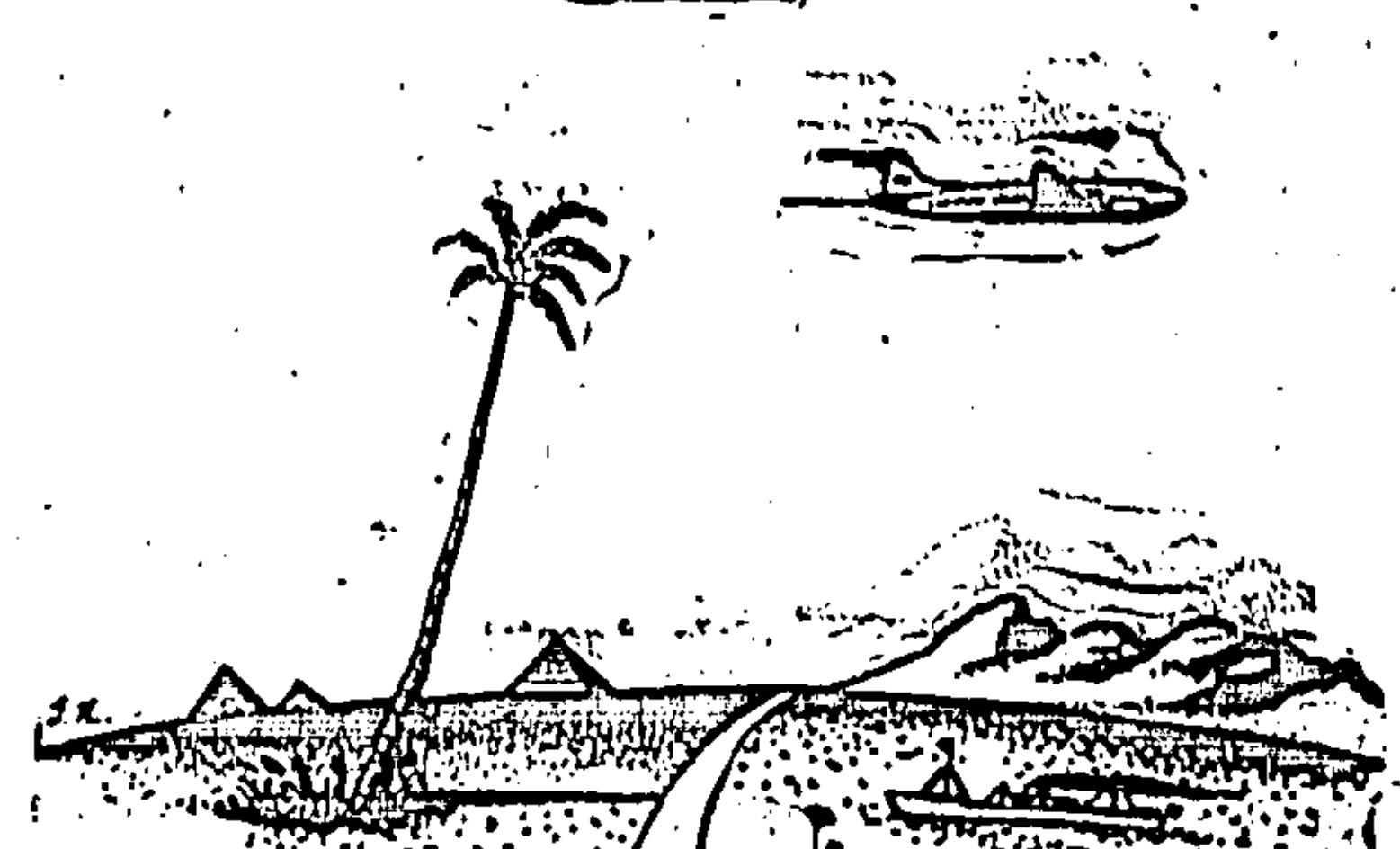
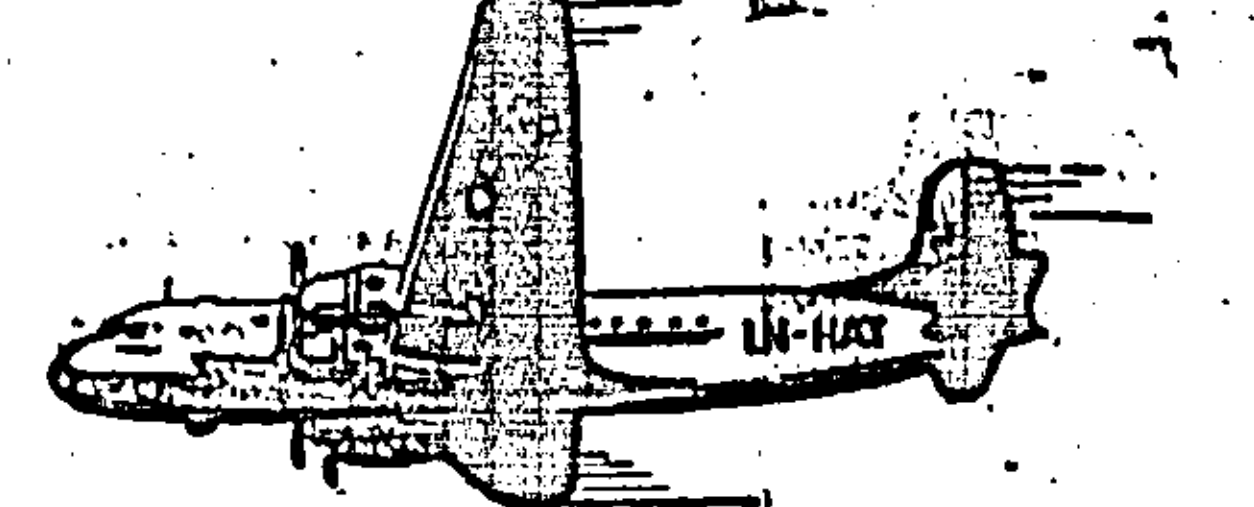
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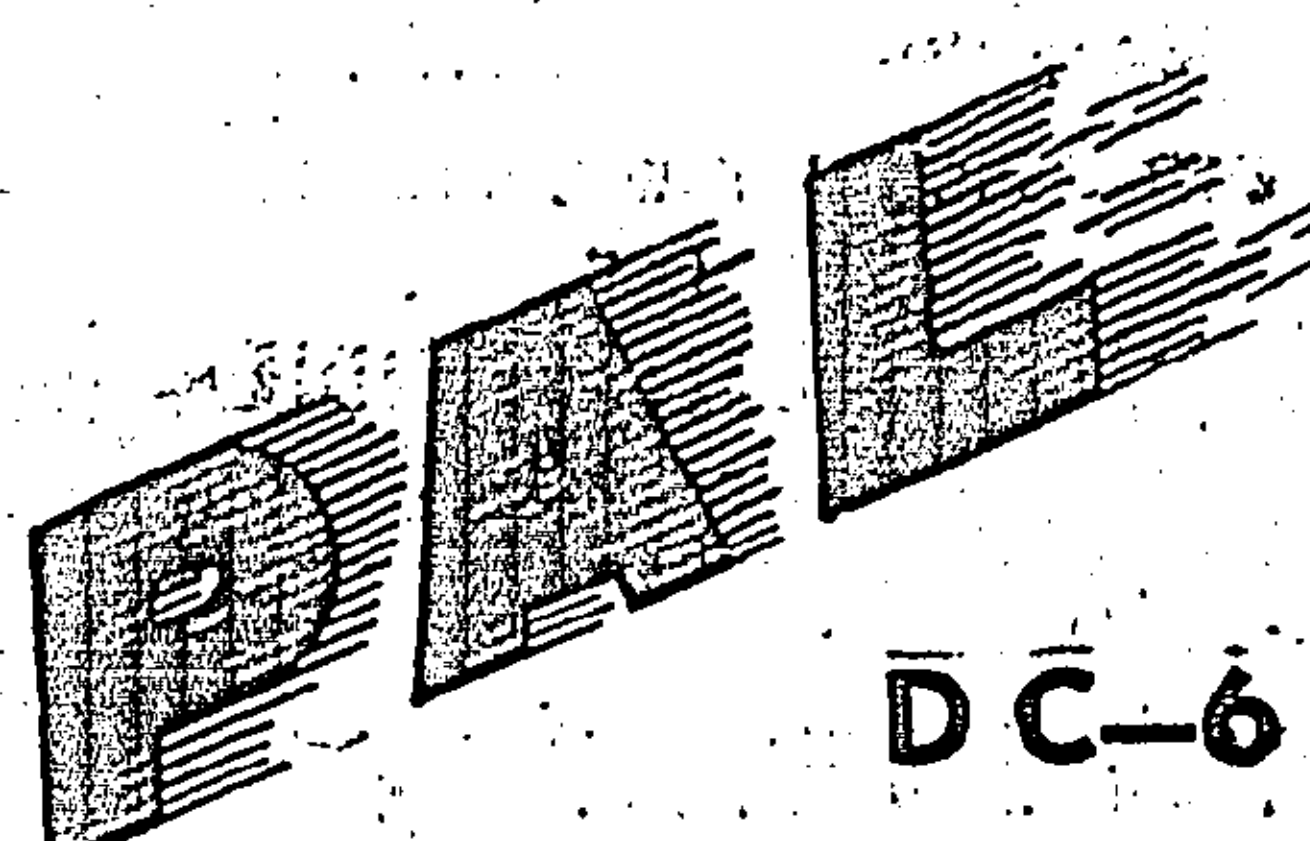
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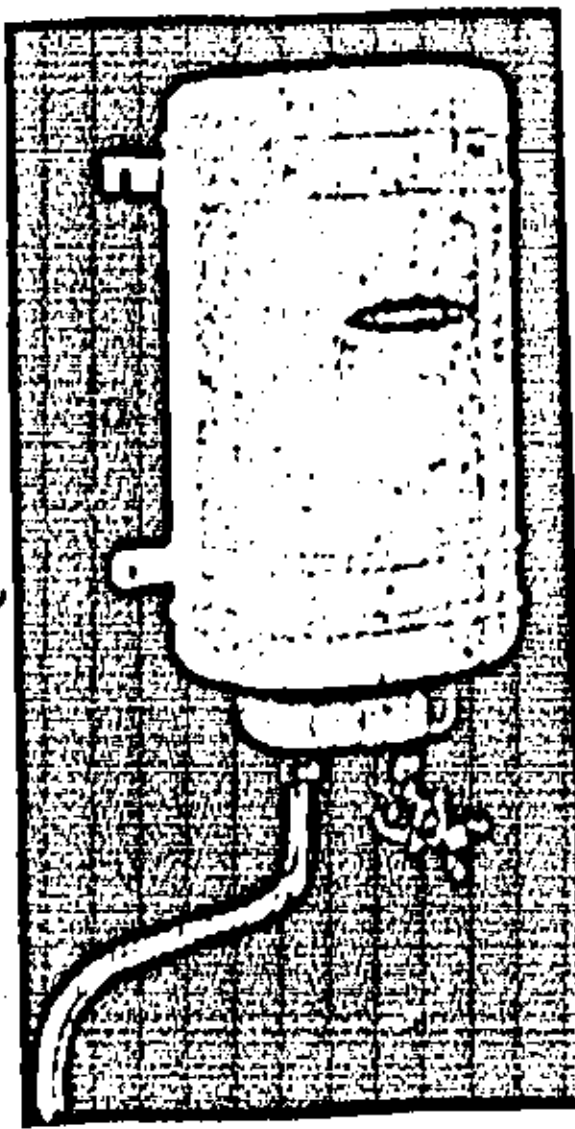
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Progress Of British Industry Described

Progress of British manufacturing industry in 1948 may be traced in the experience of a typical company. The Tude Investments Company, at Birmingham groups together several dozen firms making steel and light metal tubes, bicycles, electrical appliances, paints, traffic signs and many other products based on tubes.

Assets of the Group amount to £37 million; it employs 30,000 workers. In December 1948 the Chairman, Mr. I. A. R. Stedford, gave a full report on the year's operations which mirrors many of industry's current problems. The foremost anxiety is re-equipment. In 1948 the Company and its subsidiaries spent £1,250,000 on new plant and equipment, making a total of nearly £5 million since the end of the war. Even so, the supply of new plant and machinery does not by any means keep pace with the Company's plans.

Apart from new and modernised plant, Tube Investments have been among the first groups to make the experiment that is now spreading throughout the country — the introduction of new scientific methods of production management. In 1947 these methods were introduced in the first batch of the Company's factories, and produced startling results. Output per machine-hour was in some cases nearly trebled, and the output of one entire factory was increased by 31 per cent.

In 1948 the overhaul of production methods was carried further through the group. The changes required affected the habits, working times, and pay rates of thousands of workers, and the management decided from the outset that the full benefits of the new methods could only be obtained if the workers freely accepted the changes. This meant a slow start. At the end of 1948 the Chairman reports that these methods have now been applied in a further group of factories with the "enthusiastic co-operation of the workers."

The results in improved output and lower production costs have already been "very substantial". A number of important price reductions were made during the year, and output nevertheless increased considerably over that of the previous year. Production per man continued to rise.

With the detailed review of production methods has gone a revived interest in training of management personnel. As the Chairman of Tube Investments puts it: "If industry is to reach the highest standard of production

efficiency, specialised training in the art and science of production is necessary at all levels of works management. Good foremen, for instance, have an importance in a good works manager, whereas a poor foreman can upset the best laid plans for production. Last year I told you of the courses we were instituting to help our foremen to a fuller understanding of their responsibilities. These courses have been keenly appreciated, and have yielded such good results that we have now acquired suitable premises to enable them to be conducted on a residential basis, with all the advantages which continuous personal contact provides." The Company has endowed a Research Fellowship at Birmingham University in connection with the newly established Chair of Production Engineering.

Profit, Liabilities

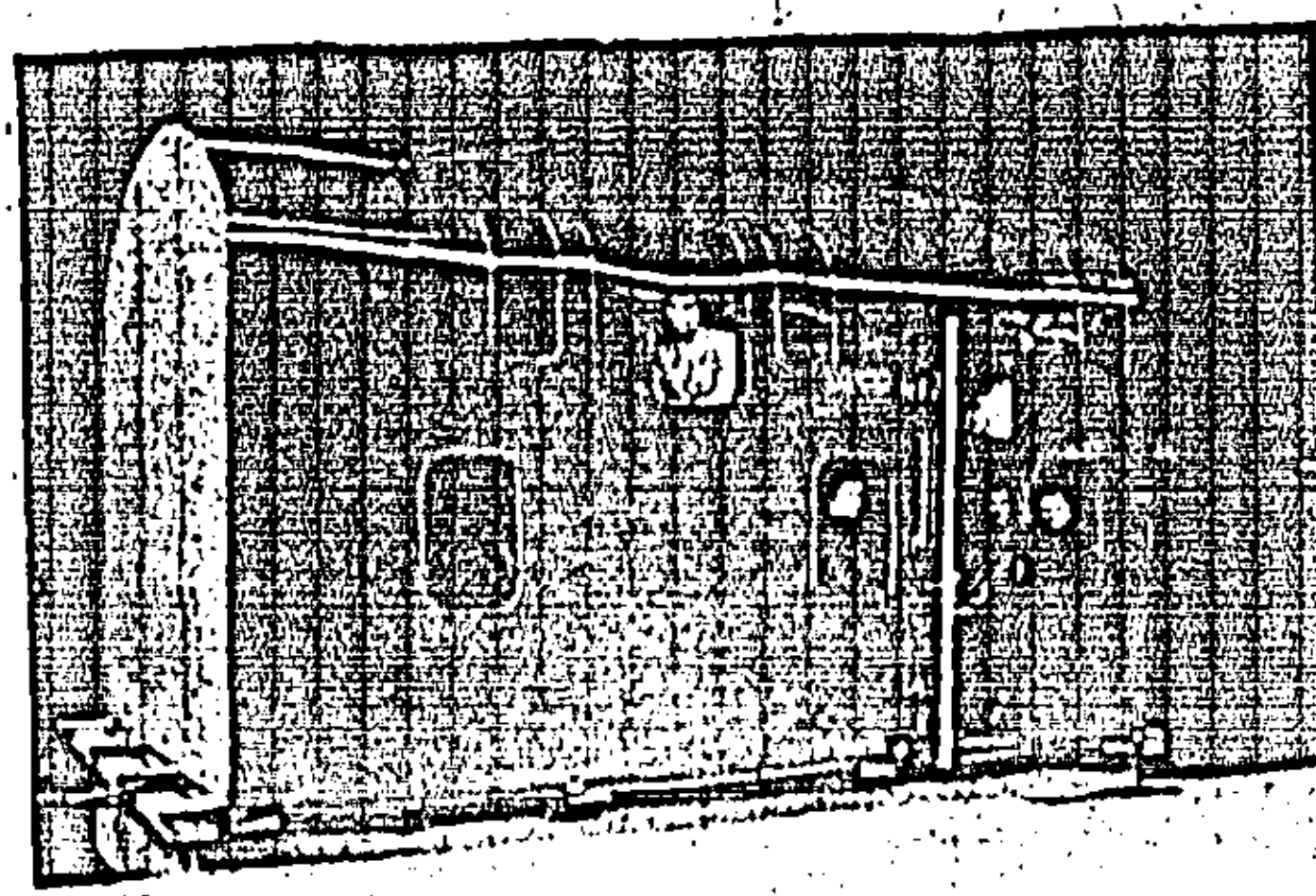
The financial results of this group during the year are also fairly representative of what has happened in a large sector of British industry. As production has increased gross profits have also increased—but not in the same proportion. In response to the Government's appeal for price reductions as an aid to the general stabilisation of prices and costs, the Company cut a large range of prices at a cost of about £1 million in a full year. On the other hand, the cost of raw materials continued to rise, and the Company will pay about £400,000 more for them than it did in 1947. In addition, the new National Health Scheme has imposed new outlay on employers, and wages have also risen; the cost of these two factors in a full year to this Company will be £500,000.

Even with these added liabilities, however, the net profits would have been higher on the year if it had not been for the serious increase in the replacement costs of plant and buildings in recent years. The depreciation allowance permitted by the Tax authorities is now quite insufficient to cover the cost of replacing the assets. Tube Investments has had a new valuation made which has placed the value over their book value; if these assets had to be replaced to-day the management estimates that it would cost at least £25 million.

Large sums have therefore been set aside in addition to the normal depreciation charges. A special depreciation reserve started in 1933 and built up out of taxed profits has now reached £3 million and the directors have announced that in future an additional replacement charge would be added every year out of taxed profits quite apart from the official depreciation allowance. In this way, sufficient funds will be provided to maintain and replace all the fixed assets of the Group at the present increased costs. But this will be a permanent addition to the operating costs.

Honeymoon Over

Reporting on the operations themselves, the Chairman records that "there were indications twelve months ago that the post-war honeymoon for exporters was coming to an end, and that British industry would soon be confronted with the hard facts of life in the form of keener competition in restricted and dislocated markets. Import restrictions were being imposed by other countries, and production costs in this country were rising." These conditions have begun to appear during the year, but the change has not come as quickly nor gone as far as most people expected. The sellers' market has continued in most parts of the world, and Tube Investments exported in 1948 seven times more in value than it shipped in the record pre-war year. Order books are still huge, but preparations are being made for more difficult selling conditions in the future.



An experimental train of double-decked coaches, with more seats per coach, is being consigned by the British Railways for use on the Southern Region Lines between London and Dartford. (AP photo).

Method Of Tropic Proofing Tested In Nigeria Area

Deep in the Nigerian jungle, Ministry of Supply scientists and administrative assistants, aided by 200 Africans, are engaged in research, the results of which are vitally important to British tropical areas and to British exports to tropical countries.

Through this research, the equipment of British troops, if they are ever again called upon to fight in tropical theatres of war, will be better able than ever to stand up to the attacks of tropical climates. Similarly, British goods exported to hot countries are being made increasingly durable and resistant to the ravages of tropical weather, insects and fungi.

Orders For New Ships Pile High

Orders placed with the shipyards in Britain at the present time total 4,500,000 gross tons, and their total value is approximately, £325,000,000. In volume these orders represent more than half of the world's total commitments for new ships.

As shipbuilding is one of Britain's most highly developed industries, with a high reputation throughout the world, it is not surprising that these orders for new ships have come from ship-owners in 20 countries. Almost every type of vessel sailing the waterways of the world is represented. Orders for overseas countries total about 1,750,000 gross tons, and are valued at approximately £110,000,000. During 1948 the total value of the new ships exported to overseas countries was about £38,000,000.

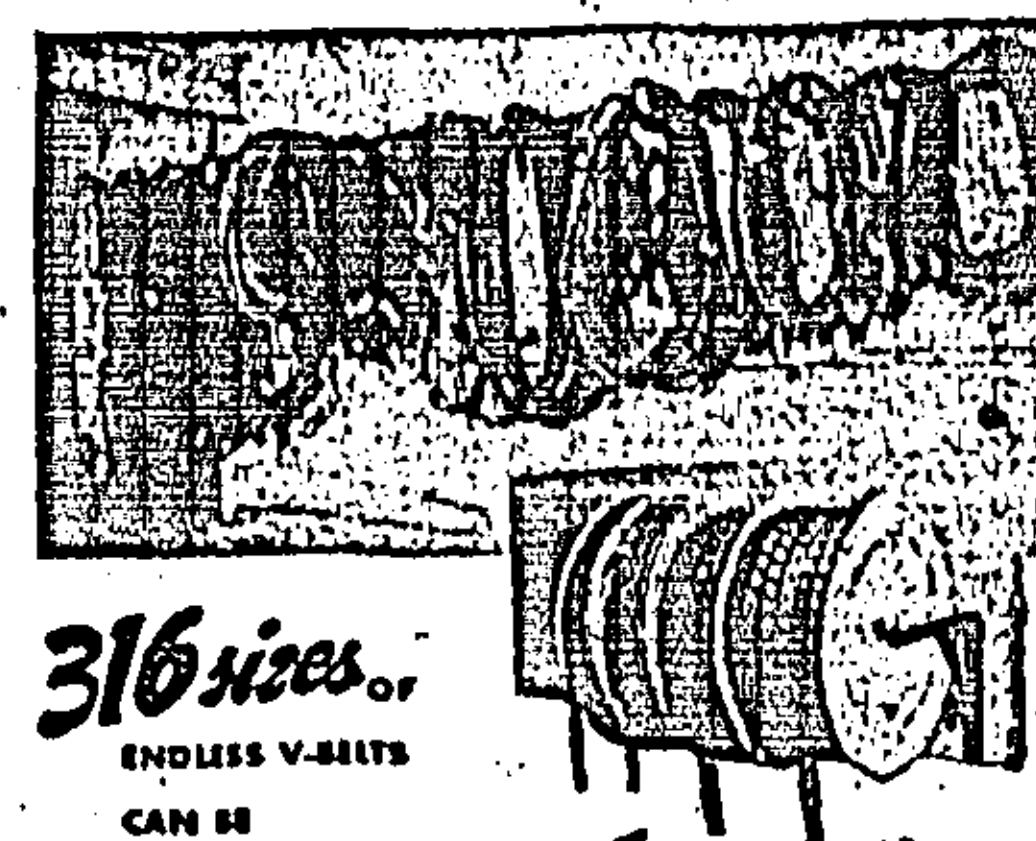
While centuries of designing and building have provided the shipbuilding industry of Britain with a vast store of experience it is by no means resting on its laurels. For research today is an integral part of the industry. The British Shipbuilding Research Association, for example, is unique. No other shipbuilding country in the world provides comparable facilities for the testing of new model forms and screw propellers, changes in constructional methods and new designs. All this permanent research, supplemented by the private research of individual shipbuilders, has made it possible for Britain to design and build such ocean greyhounds as the Queen Elizabeth and the Caronia.

The testing of methods of Tropic Proofing is proceeding at the Ministry's Tropical Testing Establishment in Nigeria. It is a continuation of the studies and experiments done in Nigeria by the War Office, on behalf of the Ministry of Supply, during the war.

One reason why the Nigerian jungle was chosen for T.T.E. was its climate, which is conducive to quick attack on materials by fungi. Nigeria offers a complete range of tropical climatic conditions, from the hot dryness of its semi-desert areas, to the jungle's sticky humidity. The rainfall is very heavy, in some areas reaching even 150 inches a year, and provides just the degree of dampness which the Ministry scientists need for their work.

Methods of dealing with attacks upon materials and equipment by moulds and damp, the chief sources of damages to wireless sets, for example, are being devised, as are means of counter-acting destruction by tropical insects. In the latter case, the scientists' energies are primarily directed against termites, or white ants, which swarm in their millions in the jungle, woolly bears (caterpillar-like creatures with long hair), and rhinos, a pest frequently causing destruction of materials in India. Carpenter bees, mud wasps, silver fish, crickets and spiders also contribute to the destruction of materials by jungle conditions.

The T.T.E. is testing many kinds of materials and equipment, ranging from needles to guns, boots to helmets, tents to building materials, and including plastics, metal finishes, optical, electrical and radio equipment, various kinds of wall boards, and textiles. The materials are tested for resistance to deterioration by exposure to hot-damp, hot-dry conditions, and to the highly corrosive atmosphere of a tropical surf beach. In the laboratories, chemical, physical and mechanical tests are made to determine the progress of decay. Already the research done during the war is paying dividends for wireless sets are more reliable, and cars, furniture and furnishings give better service in the tropics because of T.T.E.'s work.



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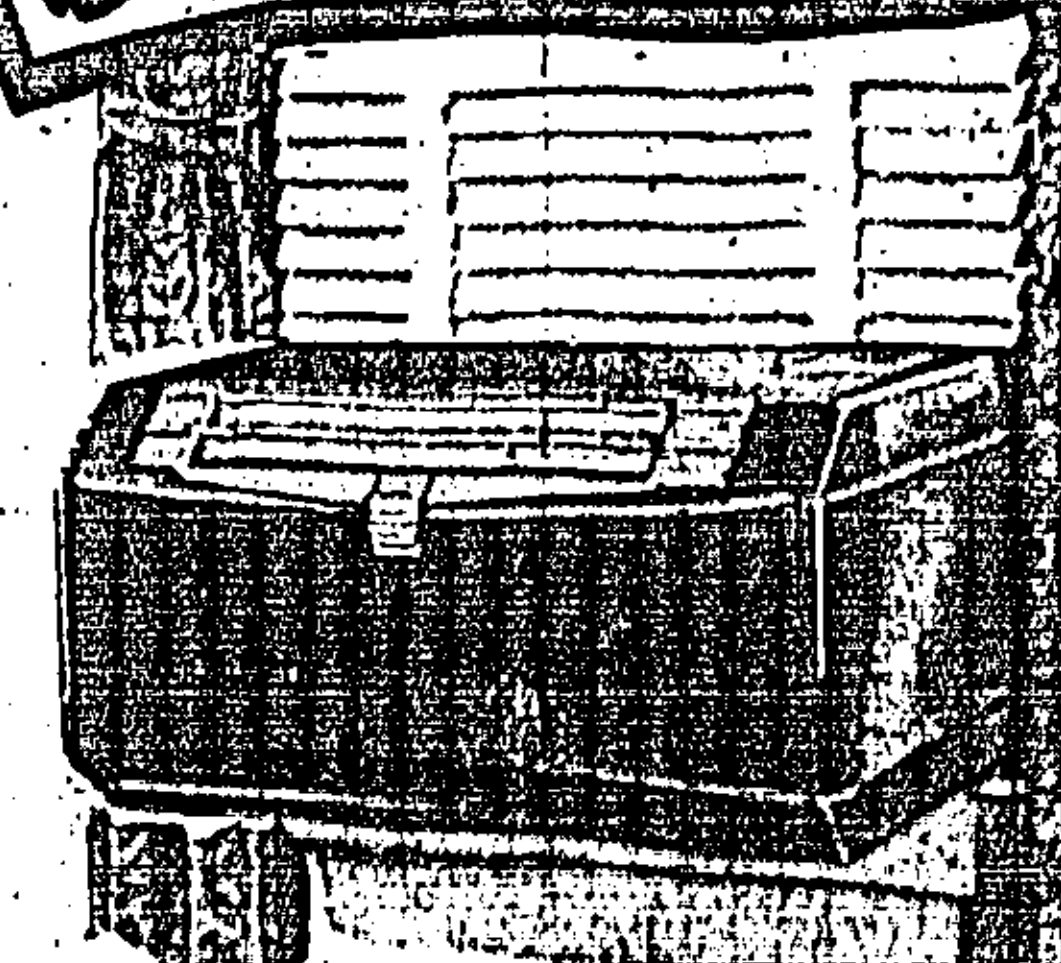
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HONG KONG'S RECORD EXPENDITURE

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Estimate Exceeded

The revised expenditure figure is a little less than \$9,750,000 over the estimate. This excess is mainly due to the payments which were approved towards the end of the financial year 1947-48 to Government employees who remained in the Colony during the occupation, and who were not interned.

"It was hoped to complete these payments before March 31, 1948, but this unfortunately proved to be impossible and it became necessary to issue a Special Warrant for \$9,000,000 during the first quarter of 1948-49. Moreover, in spite of every effort, the necessary adjustments resulting from the awards of the Salaries Commission with retrospective effect to January 1, 1947, could not be completed by March 31, 1948, and it therefore became necessary to provide supplementary provision during 1948-49, amounting to \$8,000,000. Some of \$800,000, representing pensions and \$520,000 representing pay and allowances to the local Volunteer forces, which had remained in Suspense, were charged to expenditure, and a further Special Warrant for \$100,000 was issued in respect of an increase in the Demobilisation Clothing Allowance from \$450 to \$600. This heavy carry-over of expenditure from the previous year was fortunately offset by savings under other heads, including a considerable saving under Public Works Extraordinary, as it did not prove possible to complete the full programme during the year. The net excess over the estimate thus only amounted to \$9,750,000.

"The year 1948-49 opened with a revenue balance of \$37,083,300. If the estimated surplus of \$24,000,000 is realised, the financial year 1949-50 should open with a revenue balance of some \$61,000,000.

"It is satisfactory that since the liberation of the Colony we have not been able year by year to increase our revenue balance. But the figure of \$61,000,000 which we have now reached is still very far from adequate to serve as a reserve which can tide us over a lean period. Not until our surplus funds have reached at least three times the present figure can we regard our position as reasonably satisfactory.

Security The Keynote

"I had hoped that we would have been able to budget for a substantial surplus in 1949-50 and so bring our surplus balance a little nearer to a satisfactory figure. Prosperity cannot last for ever, and when the lean years descend upon us, the more we have been able to set aside, the stronger our position will be.

"Unfortunately the deteriorating situation in South East Asia generally has introduced a new factor. Our chief concern must now be the preservation of law and order within our borders, for on this depends our whole existence. The keynote of the budget, which I am now presenting, is therefore security. We have to guard against developments which may or may not occur, and this means that we have to provide for considerable expansion in the Police Force. We have also to provide the necessary funds for the training and equipment of the Defence Force which is now being recruited, and whose primary role is to assist in the maintenance of internal order. Heavy expenditure, both of a recurrent and a capital nature, is involved, and unfortunately we have had to find the money at a time when our rehabilitation loan has largely been expended. Expenditure in the present budget having a

direct or indirect bearing on security reaches the formidable figure of \$20,000,000.

"After meeting a heavy first charge of this nature, we have not been able to provide for all the projects which we should have liked to include. Even so, it has not been easy to achieve a balance between revenue and expenditure.

"The estimates as now presented provide for a revenue of \$180,010,370 and an expenditure of \$179,580,970. There are, however, several adjustments which could not be finalised in sufficient time for them to be included in the printed copies. The most important of these is the provision of additional staff for the proposed Anti-Tuberculosis clinics, and the effects of this adjustment, which it is hoped will be made in Select Committee, will be to reduce the present surplus of \$432,400 to well below that figure.

London Grant

"The estimation of revenue in the uncertain times in which we live is always a difficult task. This year it is more difficult than usual. The estimate of \$180,010,370 has been framed with due regard to foreseeable factors, but developments might easily occur which would upset it completely.

"Included in the revenue total is a sum of \$16,000,000 which represents the grant made by His Majesty's Government as part of the war expenditure settlement to assist the Colony in solving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war.

"Even with this addition, however, it was found that, on the existing basis of taxation, the revenue total was still between one or two million dollars below the figure required to finance expenditure, even after the latter had been reduced to the lowest possible level consistent with our commitments. The bridging of this gap between revenue and expenditure was considered by the Estimates Committee. It was borne in mind that Hong Kong depends entirely on its transit trade. Cheap facilities and cheap services are normally the secret of a successful entrepot trade. The services provided by Hong Kong are relatively expensive but this has so far been offset by the fact that it can provide better facilities and greater security than its competitors. It also has the advantage of a stable currency. Directly stability and order however are restored in neighbouring countries, the fact that services provided here tend to be expensive will become important. No-one can compel trade to pass through Hong Kong.

"Conditions must be such as to attract it. Taxation tends to be passed on wherever this is possible, and, that being so, it is important to weigh the advantages of building up larger reserve against the disadvantages of further increases in overhead costs. It was finally decided, on the unanimous advice of the Unofficial Members, that the increases in taxation should be limited to the minimum required to produce a balanced budget.

Increased Taxation

"The proposals for increased taxation are estimated to yield additional revenue amounting to \$1,600,000. It is proposed to double the present duty of 24 cents a gallon on table waters, which is equivalent to a tax of four cents a bottle as compared with the present rate of two cents.

"This measure is expected to yield \$500,000 and with the keen competition now existing between manufacturers of aerated waters it is hoped that this extra two cents a bottle will not be passed on to the consumer.

"Local postal rates still remain at their pre-war level, and I think that it is generally admitted that they are very low. Indeed, it is proposed to increase the basic local letter rate from five cents to 10 cents, and that for postcards from two cents to five cents. This is expected to yield additional revenue to the extent of \$350,000.

"Another duty which has not been changed for a great many years is the stamp duty on cheques and receipts, and it is proposed to raise this from 10 to 15 cents. It is also proposed to recover some portion of the administrative costs involved by requiring all applications for import and export licences in future to bear a \$1 stamp. These measures are expected to produce \$600,000.

"Finally it is proposed to require concerns engaged in the manufacture of finished products from raw materials or in the repair of finished products, to take out a licence. The fee would be on a graduated scale according to the number of workers employed or the floor-space occupied. On the assumption that these annual fees would be \$100, \$150 and \$200, the yield is expected to be just under \$100,000. The date by which these licences must be taken out has not yet been fixed, but it is proposed that the increase in local postage rates and in the duty on table waters should become effective from the beginning of the new financial year, namely the 1st April. The change in stamp duty requires an amending ordinance.

"A measure which has already been taken and which we hope will yield \$1,200,000 additional revenue is the raising of conservancy fees. These fees had not been raised since the liberation of the Colony and examination showed that, at the much higher levels now prevailing, a heavy loss was being incurred. At the new rates the service should be more or less self-supporting.

Defence Spending

"Normal revenue only totals just over \$164,000,000. This includes a sum of \$2,431,480 in respect of Colonial Development and Welfare Grants which are balanced by equivalent items on the expenditure side. In budgeting for an expenditure of nearly \$180,000,000 we are therefore providing for expenditure in excess of our normal revenue. It is considered, however, that this is amply justified, as quite apart from security expenditure of a non-recurrent nature, some \$9,000,000 under Public Works Extraordinary would more properly have been chargeable to Loan, had sufficient balances been available, while \$3,500,000 has been provided under Miscellaneous Services to meet claims of various sorts arising out of the war. If all abnormal expenditure were excluded, normal revenue would be more than adequate to balance the budget.

"Expenditure is estimated at \$179,580,970. When I introduced the budget for the present year, I expressed the hope that expenditure would fall. Instead it has risen \$19,500,000 over the revised estimate for 1948-49, which was itself in excess of the approved estimate. Even so, originally submitted, and excluding additional demands for construction work, departmental estimates were \$15,000,000 higher than the final figure.

"The rise in expenditure is due to two major causes, heavy defence and security commitments, and the need to provide under Public Works Extraordinary for a good deal of rehabilitation work which would have been met from Loan funds, but for the fact that allocations are becoming exhausted.

"In these circumstances, a special appeal for economy was made to heads of departments and on the whole they co-operated well. Departmental estimates have accordingly been very carefully scrutinised, both by myself and my assistants and by the Estimates Committee, and reductions have been effected wherever possible. In view of this very carefully scrutiny it will now only remain for the Select Committee on the estimates to deal with last minute changes, to put any final touches that may be required, and to consider any points raised in the course of the Debate on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill.

Civil Servants' Pay

"Personal emoluments, which cover basic salaries only, are estimated at \$45,126,784, to which must be added a figure of \$28,000,000 provided under the Miscellaneous Services Head in respect of cost of living allowances. Railway cost of living allowances also amount to a further \$10,000,000. This makes a total of \$73,026,784 in respect of the personal emoluments of the Government staff. There are, however, two other items of \$5,000,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively under the Subventions Head in respect of grants to Grant-aided and Vernacular schools. These payments are in respect of teachers' salaries in these schools, and it must be borne in mind that, so far as Grant-aided schools are concerned, these salaries are linked to those of teachers in Government schools. Thus any adjustment in Government salaries or cost of living allowances results in a corresponding adjustment in this grant which at present stands at \$5,000,000.

"We are undoubtedly spending too much on personal emoluments. No opportunity to reduce staff has been neglected, but in the effort to secure ever higher standards of safety in air travel it has constantly been necessary to yield to demands for increases in staff in both the Civil Aviation Department and the Royal Observatory.

"Nevertheless, small reductions have been effected in some departments and in the Sanitary Department there has been a reduction of 200, mostly in menial staff. Altogether there have so far been staff cuts amounting to approximately 380 employees.

"Government realises, however, only too well that something more drastic than mere sabbings is required if we are to make some really substantial reduction in personal emoluments. The expert in methods of organisation for whom we have waited for so long has now arrived, and has begun his investigations. We hope that he will be able to indicate to us whether the conduct of public business really requires a pay-roll of nearly \$74,000,000. But we feel that another type of investigation is required, namely, whether all the functions performed by departments, which have been going on for a long period of time, are really essential under present day conditions. If we could cut out certain functions which, though perhaps desirable are by no means essential, the whole staff engaged on that particular work could be dispensed with. We must endeavour to cut down the cost of administration, and it is perhaps on the lines which I have indicated that we are most likely to produce results.

Excess Staff

"Other Charges for 1949-50, excluding Public Works Extraordinary and Special Expenditure, and also cost of living allowances, total \$72,357,096 as

compared with the figure of \$69,458,578 for the year which is just closing. Special Expenditure, excluding Public Works Extraordinary totals \$11,408,520 as compared with \$8,714,000 in 1948-49.

"The temporary departments such as the Custodian of Property and the Department of Supplies and Distribution—whose title has now been changed to Department of Supplies and Distribution—will still be necessary during the coming year. The Custodian's department continues to contract, and expenditure for the coming year is only estimated at \$40,680 compared with \$61,020 in respect of the present year. The cost of the Department of Supplies and Distribution shows an apparent small increase, but this is due to the fact that the cost of maintenance of the Tokyo Office is now being charged to expenditure instead of being met from the Japan Trade Account. But for this, there would have been a decrease in the cost of this department which it will be necessary to keep in being until trade with Japan is completely free.

"The work of many of the permanent Government departments is still greatly in excess of that for which their pre-war establishments were designed.

"Where it is obvious that this increase in work is permanent, some staff which has hitherto been paid from the Temporary Staff Vote is now being detailed in the estimates, but great care has been taken not to add to the pensionable staff until the final requirements of departments can be accurately gauged, and a revised Pension Ordinance and list of pensionable offices has been prepared.

"In spite of the fact that it has been possible during the latter part of the year to reduce slightly the number of Government drivers, their pay and allowances in 1949-50 are estimated to cost \$1,177,334 while expenditure on the upkeep of vehicles is expected to amount to \$2,155,000. It is normally more economical for Government officials to use their own cars on official journeys and draw mileage allowance, and now that most officers have cars of their own it may be possible to effect reductions in Government vehicles and in the number of drivers. In order to satisfy ourselves on this and other points, Your Excellency has decided to appoint a committee on which there will be unofficial representation to examine this whole question of Government transport. There is provision in the estimates for a total of \$1,140,840 for replacements, as much of the Government transport now in service and is in poor condition. The proposal is that none of these replacement vehicles should be actually ordered until the committee is fully satisfied that no alternative arrangement is possible. An exception will, however, be made in the case of Police transport. Provision is made for a number of new vehicles for the Police, as it is most important that should an emergency arise their vehicles should be absolutely reliable. The vehicles replaced, which will be in reasonably good condition, will be available for use elsewhere and so obviate the necessity for further replacements.

Now Post

"The title of the former Imports and Exports Department has been changed to Department of Commerce and Industry. This change of name is a first step towards the extension of the activities of the department. It is proposed that it should take over from the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department, now renamed the Department of Supplies and Distribution, the func-

tions of the latter Department relating to industrial development.

"In this connection, it is proposed to create a new post of Assistant Director (Industry). Thus the reorganised Department will have on its staff an officer who can devote his full time to the encouragement of new industries and the expansion of existing ones. He will also be able to advise potential industrialists on factory sites and allied questions.

"Considerable increases in Education staff are provided for, involving an increase in personal emoluments of \$500,000. These are related to the building programme for for schools and next year, when it will be necessary to pay this increased staff for a full twelve months, a further increase in personal emoluments will be inevitable.

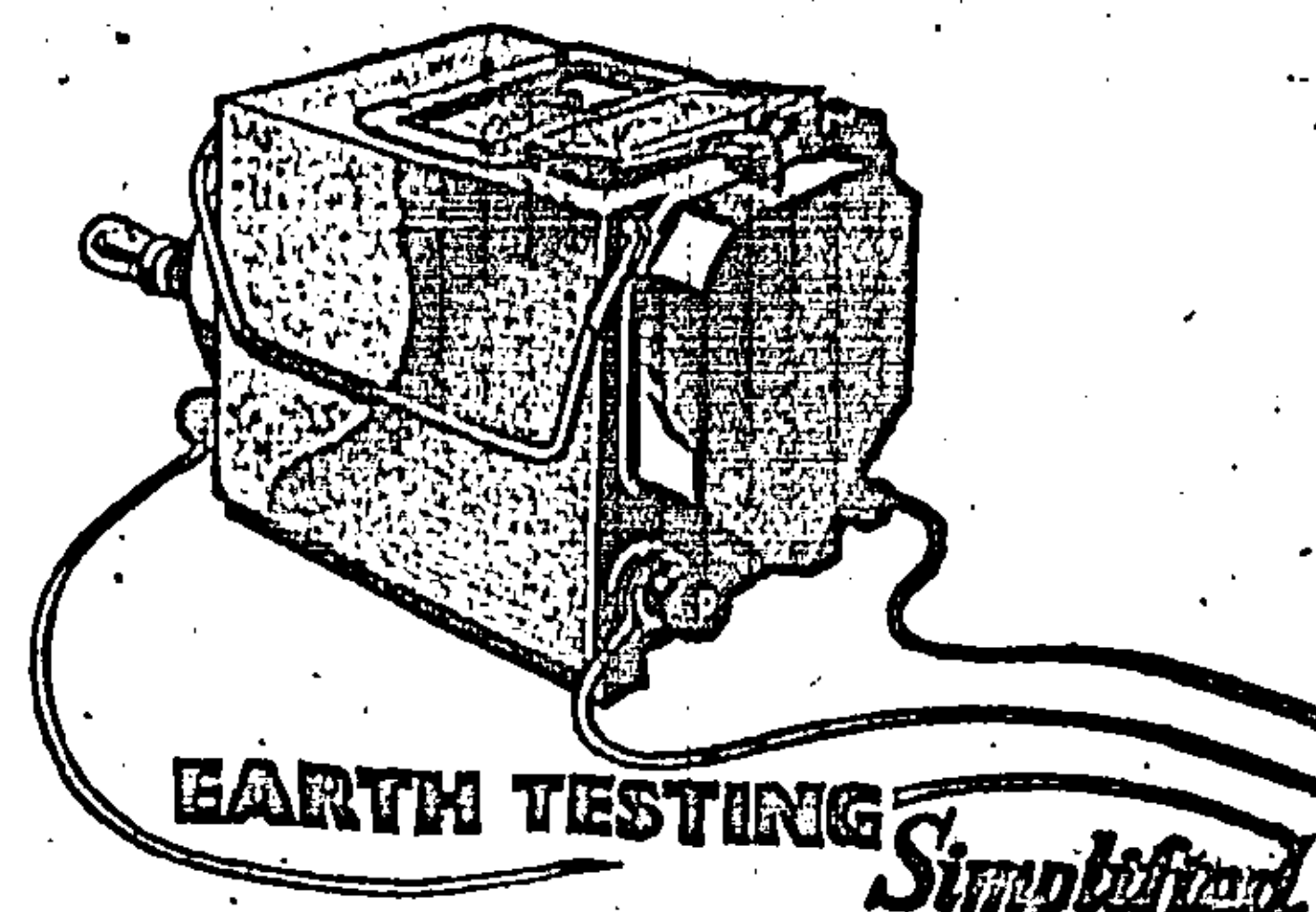
"A sum of \$700,000 has been included for the construction of what have loosely come to be known as Workers' Schools. A number of these schools have been established in various parts of the Colony. Their development has been affected by financial and other considerations. As a result they are rather scattered and the buildings are far from suitable. It is felt that the time has now come for Government to take over these schools if they are to develop along acceptable lines under fully qualified teachers. One large industrial concern in the Colony is interested in the scheme and it is hoped that they will be prepared to make some contribution towards the cost.

"The two schools will be operated on the two seasonal system, which means that one set of pupils will receive about five hours' instruction in the morning and another set a similar period of instruction in the afternoon. A double staff totalling 64 will thus be required. Government attaches great importance to the early establishment of these schools as it is most undesirable that children in these localities should come under undesirable influences.

Rebuilding Plan

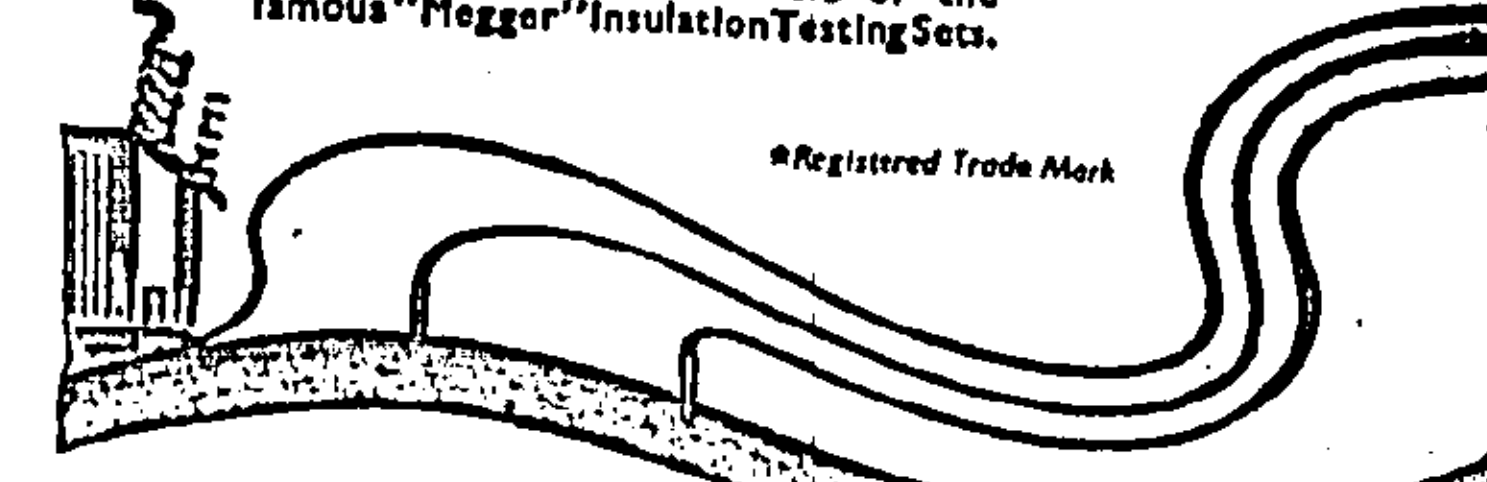
"It is also hoped that the reconstruction of Kings College, the Kowloon Junior School and the Vernacular Primary School will soon be put in hand. Funds for these works have been provided under Loan. There is criticism that too much attention

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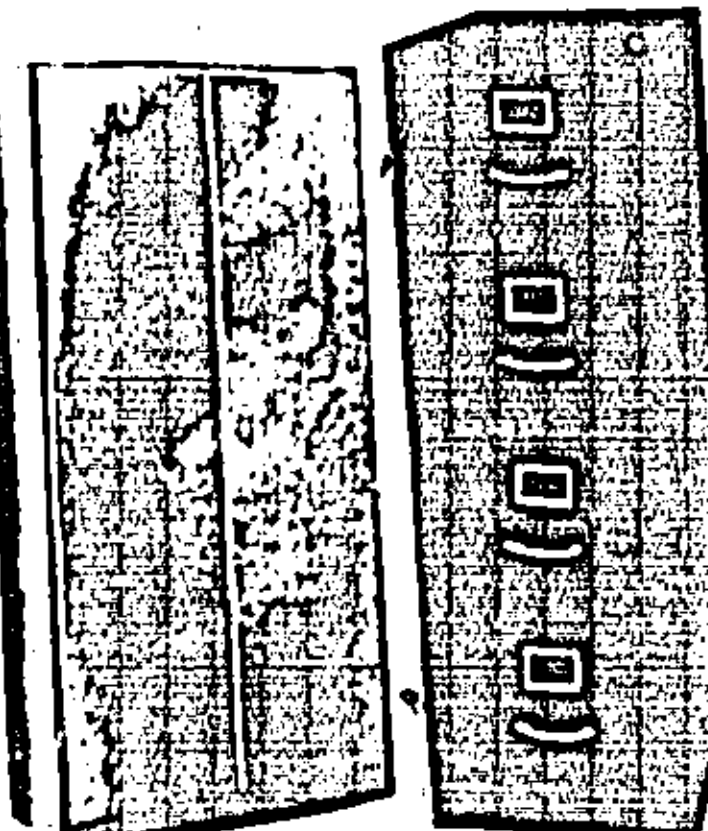
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D'Aguiar St.SPY'S LOVE LIFE LED
TO HIS DISMISSALMunich, March 16.
The name of a Czech Army officer who wooed
women into spying came up again yesterday
as the espionage trial of a German house-
wife began in Munich.
Mrs. Elfriede Zierlik, charged with collecting U.S.
military information for a foreign power, nam-
ed Captain Ivan Janda as the Czech who led
her into giving him information.The woman heard the prosecu-
tion read a confession which
she allegedly made to counter-
intelligence agents.She said Janda had helped her
cross the border six times on
visits to her sister at Wildstein,
Czechoslovakia.He is the same Captain Janda,
another witness testified, for
whom Edith Dittich, convicted on
Monday of espionage, tearfully
admitted her love.Vojtech Jirabek, a star prosecu-
tion witness in the preceding
trial, took the stand against
Zierlik. He and another former
Czech intelligence officer, Otakar
Feisar, fled from the Communist-
dominated country last November
seeking refuge in the U.S. zone
of Germany.Once during his sworn testi-
mony Jirabek declared that a
Catholic priest, Father Alfred
Weglar, a resident of Wildstein,
had worked in the Czech Intelli-
gence Service. He did not elab-
orate.Zierlik said in her statement
that after Captain Janda had
helped her with questions abouteconomic conditions and troop
locations in the American zone.

Vary Affectionate

She noted that on one oc-
casion when she left her son
in Germany with her husband,
Captain Janda became very
affectionate. Later, she said, he
reminded her he had helped
her cross the border and that
she was deeply in debt to him.An American officer said it was
understood that Captain Janda
let his love lives interfere with
his work and was subsequently
removed as an intelligence officer.In her statement, the German
woman said she had crossed the
border into Czechoslovakia only
to get food from her sister, who
worked as housekeeper for Father
Weglar.She dabbed her eyes with a
handkerchief but appeared in
good spirits as Jirabek testified
that she had worked for the
Czech Intelligence Service and
that she bore the code name
"Lillian."She is the sole defendant in the
fourth of five spy cases to be
heard by an eight man U.S. mili-
tary commission. — Associated
Press.

What is the World thinking?

Read the opinions of the Worlds' Capitals,
giving the background of today's events, in *The
Economist* and *The New Statesman and Nation*
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important to everyone.Subscriptions to the above periodicals,
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pictures? Yes! On the left he's
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hair looks. He just can't keep it
in place. And it's dry and life-
less, with no gloss on it. Even
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To Hong KongSydney, March 16.
A Qantas DC-4 Skymaster
took off tonight on a proving
night to Manila and Hong
Kong.It will arrive at Manila
late on Wednesday afternoon,
stay overnight and fly to
Hong Kong on Thursday
morning.A charter service is plan-
ned pending Government ap-
proval of a regular route.
Eighteen people are on
board, plus the crew.—United
Press.A MOTHER AT
AGE OF 10Wilmington, Delaware,
March 15.Memorial Hospital officials re-
vealed today that a 10-year-old
negro girl gave birth to a
daughter last Sunday night.
She is the youngest American
mother on record.The baby weighed seven pounds
five ounces. Both mother and in-
fant are doing well.The mother was admitted to
the Kruse Industrial School for
Girls, where she had been living
since last September.Hospital authorities withheld
the name of and information on
the baby's father.—United Press.BETTER OUTLOOK
IN MALAYALondon, March 15.
Colonial Office officials said
today that the situation in
Malaya is improving.An official spokesman said:
"Reports from Malaya today
said that there has been steady
and considerable improvement in
the situation during the last
three months. Nobody regards
the situation with complacency
but from all accounts it is quite
clear that things have improved
recently."—United Press.MR. BEVIN WILL VISIT
AMERICA THIS MONTH

Washington, March 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will arrive
in the United States on about March 31 for a
visit of about a week, Sir Oliver Franks, the Bri-
tish Ambassador to the United States, said to-
day.Mr. Bevin will arrive in time for the signing of
the Atlantic Pact, expected to take place in
the first week in April, and for the opening of
the United Nations General Assembly in New
York, also in April.Sir Oliver discussed the arrangements for Mr.
Bevin's visit with the U.S. Secretary of State,
Mr. Dean Acheson, for an hour today.Asked afterwards if Mr. Bevin
would arrive on the Queen Mary,
which would reach New York
about March 31, said: "I do not
know for sure that he is coming
then, but I think it is entirely
likely."Asked if Mr. Bevin is expected
to engage in any talks outside
the North Atlantic Pact, Sir
Oliver said: "I do not know, but
I would not be surprised that
while he is over here he and
others will talk about various
things."The French Foreign Minister,
Mr. Robert Schuman, will leave
Paris by air on April 1 or 2 for
Washington to sign the Atlantic
Pact on April 4.The French Foreign Office, an-
nouncing this tonight, said Mr.
Schuman will spend about
a week in the United States and
will attend the opening week of
the United Nations General As-
sembly.While in the United States, Mr.
Schuman will discuss general in-
ternational problems, notably
Germany, with the Secretary of
State, Mr. Acheson, a French
Foreign Office spokesman in Paris
added.

Denmark's Part

The Danish Foreign Minis-
ter, Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, to-
day completed his discussions on
the Atlantic Pact with Ameri-
can Government officials.
He plans to leave Washington
by air tonight.
Although he would make no
direct statement, he implied that
he will recommend to the DanishParliament the participation of
his country in the pact.
A joint statement by Mr. Ache-
son and Dr. Rasmussen said the
contents of the pact have been
fully discussed in a frank and
friendly spirit.The chief purpose of Dr.
Rasmussen's visit to Washington
has been to contact the United
States Government in order to
obtain information regarding the
North Atlantic Pact so as to
provide the best possible basis
for the Danish Government and
Parliament to take their final
decision on Denmark's attitude
toward the pact, it was added.Talks in Lisbon between the
Portuguese authorities and the
U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Lincoln
McVeh, on Portuguese ad-
hesion to the Pact, are not ex-
pected to be concluded in time
for Portugal to join in the nego-
tiations by the representatives of
the United States, Canada, Brit-
tain, France, Norway, Belgium,
Luxembourg and Holland.These negotiations are expected
to hold their last meeting today
and the text of the pact is due to
be published on Friday. It is still
hoped, however, that Portugal
will reach a decision in time to
be a founder signatory of the
pact in April.

Azores Basis

The question of Portugal be-
coming a founder signatory of
the pact in April is regarded
with some urgency. This is
because of the strategic im-
portance of the Azores in any
system of North Atlantic
security.BRITISH
AIRLINES
MERGER

London, March 15.

The complete merger of the
British South American Air-
ways and the British Overseas
Airways Corporation, two of
Britain's three nationalised air-
lines, was announced today.Lord Pakenham, Minister of
Civil Aviation, told the House of
Lords that the Government had
recommended the merger and
that the two airlines had agreed.A merger has been regarded as
a possibility since the Govern-
ment decided that the Tudor
four-engined aircraft, used on the
South American route, should no
longer be used to carry passen-
gers.This decision followed the dis-
appearance without trace of two
Tudor IV airliners, the Star
Ariel and Star Iger.Lord Pakenham said that
the decision not to use the
Tudor IV left the BSA with
only three York aircraft, which
is not competitive.He said that to keep the BSA
routes working the obvious
course was to turn to the BOAC.
That airline also used long-range
aircraft on their routes, over-
lapping to some extent with those
of BSA.—Reuter.Also, according to the terms of
the treaty in its present form,
those who do not join it at the
initiation in April will have to
wait until it has been ratified by
all the governments concerned
before they can join, and this
might take several months.In Rome tonight, Count Carlo
Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister,
replying in the Chamber to Com-
munist attacks on the pact, said
the pact has neither secret
clauses nor protocols.—Reuter.

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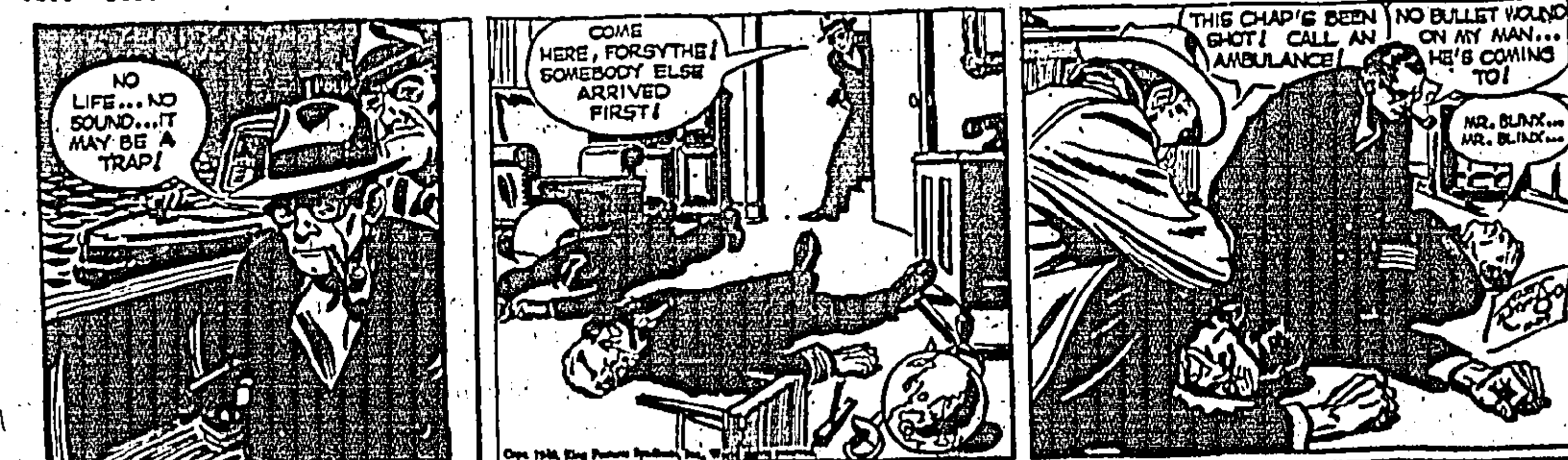
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"TUNAN"	Incheon & Tientsin	10 a.m. 18th Mar.
"TINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 20th Mar.
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Amoy, Swatow, Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore, Belawan & Penang	5 p.m. 21st Mar.
"FENGTIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	26th Mar.
"YOHCHOV"	Singapore & Penang	29th Mar.
"FOYANG"	Bangkok	4th April
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia	7th April

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ARRIVALS FROM

"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Swatow	7 a.m. 18th Mar.
"TUNAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 19th Mar.
"FENGTIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	23rd Mar.
"YOHCHOV"	Shanghai & Keelung	24/25th Mar.
"TUPEH"	Shanghai & Keelung	26th Mar.

RIVER SERVICE

"FATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton	Canton/Hongkong
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"CLYTONEUS"	via Tanager, Casablanca & Havre	8th Apr.
"ASTYANAX"	via Genoa, Marseilles & Glasgow	24th Apr.

Arrivals from

"TITAN"	U.K. via Straits	29th Mar.
"ASTYANAX"	"	1st Apr.
"TYNDAROS"	"	3rd Apr.
"EUMAEUS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	8th Apr.
"STENTOR"	U.K. via Straits	20th Apr.

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Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.S.A. via Manila	18th Mar.
	loads for U.S.A.	21st Mar.
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Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Sailings to

"SHANSI"	Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane	26th Apr.
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"SHANSI"	Australia & Manila	19th Apr.
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Arrivals	Salings
"TITALENGRA" In port	Javaports & Macassar 17th March
"TASMAN" from Manila 18th March	to Manila 19th March
	to Javaports & Macassar 31st March
"TUISADANE" from Macassar 17th March	to Shanghai 19th March
	to Manila 28th March
	to Javaports & Macassar 14th April
"TIBADAK" from Macassar 1st April	to Shanghai 3rd April
	to Manila 12th April
	to Javaports & Macassar 28th April

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Salings
"TIPANAS" In port	to South Africa 23rd March
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from Japan 30th March	to East & South Africa & South America, 31st March
	to East & South Africa & South America, 21st April
"BOISSEVAIN" from South America, 31st March	to East & South Africa & South America, 19th May
"STRAAT SOENDA" In port	
"TEGELBERG" from South America & South Africa, 13th June	to East & South Africa & South America, 17th June

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Arrivals	Salings
"MELISKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 28th March	to Europe via Manila & Straits 29th March
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid April
"MOLENKERK" from Europe Early May	to Europe via Manila & Straits 1st May
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BRITAIN WELL ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

London, March 16.

Sir Stafford Cripps reported today that Britain is well on the road to recovery.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said one major problem remains: how to sell enough British goods in the American market to pay for all the things Britain has to buy with dollars.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A morning of very small business.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
4½% Loan 1928-32, 101½%
3½% Loan (1934 & 1940) 101½%
3½% Loan (1948) 102½%
DANBURY:
H.K. & S. Bank 1700s,
(Loan, 1928) 2103½%
Chartered Bank 211½%
Merchants Bank A. & B. 422½%
Bank of East Asia 188%
INDUSTRIALS:
Canton Ind. 270%
Union Ind. 700s, 720s,
China Underwriters 5½%
H.K. Fire Ins. (X.D.) 268%
SHIPPING:
Shanghai 627½%
Union Waterways 36½%
Asia Nav. 300s,
DOCK, WHARVE, GODOWN, R.E.
H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 155%
(New) 180%
North Point Wharves 64½%
Shanghai Housewharves 26%
H.K. Docks 26½%
China Dockers 15%
Shanghai Dockyards 1220%
Wharves 20%
MINING:
Indo Mines 6½%
H.K. Mines 6½%
LANON, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels (X.D.) 1330%
H.K. Lands (X.D.) 660, 67½%
Shanghai Land 510, 520, 530, 540%
Humphreys 13%
H.K. Estates 2%
Chinese Estates 170%
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways (X.D.) 1830%
Peak Trams (Old) 204%
(New) 11%
Star Ferries 12%
China Light (Old) 1420%
(New) 1050%
H.K. Electric (X.D.) 16½%
Macao Electric 20%
Handan, Lights 16½%
Telephone 30, 31½, 33%
Shanghai Gas 6½%
INDUSTRIALS:
Cable Mfg. (Ord.) 2%
Canton Free 3%
Cement 3%
H.K. Paper 19½%
STONES, ETC.:
Dairy Farms (Old) 40, 41½%
(New) 41%
Watsons 5½, 52½%
L. Crawford (Old) 27%
(New) 25%
Shimura 6½%
China Importers 11%
Sun Co., Ltd. 3½%
Kwong Sang Hong 132%
Wing On (H.K.) 100%
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 11%
MISCELLANEOUS:
China Entertainment 43½%
H.K. Constructions (Old) 6%
(New) 1%
Vibro Piling 18½%
Marman Investments 6½%
Marman (H.K.) 2%
Shanghai Loan 2½%
Yongtong 430%
COTTONS:
Eves 860s, 8%
RUBBERS, ETC., COMPANIES:
Alma Estates 4½%
Bata Assets 20%
Dute Plantations 1%
Chemore United 30%
Cheng Rubbers 25%
Consolidated Rubbers 140%
Dunlop Rubbers 15%
Padang Rubbers 25%
REPAIR RUBBERS 25%
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Toshiba 140%
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Through a 30,000-word "Economic Survey for 1949" published as a White Paper, Sir Stafford played on the theme that Britain can and must be earning those dollars by the time American aid under the European Recovery Programme ends in 1952.

Britain has completed a year of great and steady progress, his survey said. "Output increased in every important industry."

Money Market

Buying interest in gold was revived yesterday after a week of inactivity. The price went up to HK\$308.25 a tael after it had opened at \$305.12½. At the close it was easier at \$306.75.

U.S. dollars made a further climb to HK\$6.18½ after opening at \$6.17½.

Gold Yuan rates were HK\$410.25 and \$9.00 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery; \$8 and \$7.00 for Canton remittance; and \$5.95 and \$5.85 for Shanghai remittances.

Planters opened at HK\$9.95 a 100 and closed at \$9.87½. High-cent and lowest rates were \$10 and \$9.85.

Citizens were unchanged at HK\$24.30 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$32.40 a 100 and closed at \$32.70.

Sterling was higher at HK\$15.20, while Australian pounds eased off to HK\$12.75.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 16.

Sharp declines were recorded in industrial shares on the Stock Exchange although selling was light. Cils and mining issues closed lower but the rubber groups were firm.

British gilt-edged securities firmed better on reinvestment of funds from the sale of Industrials.

Financial Times index: 112.7—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 16.

Ship arrival: March 14, Train Maersk from Yokohama.

Seattle ship departure: Washington Mail for Yokohama.

—Associated Press.

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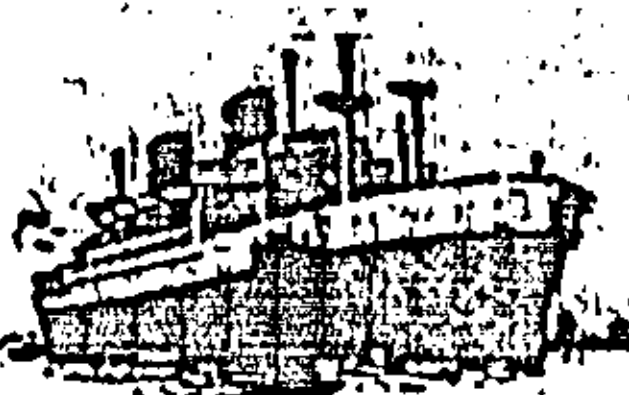
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HONG KONG TENNIS VETERANS' EASY WIN IN QUARTER-FINALS

RAF Defeats Police 8-1

In a brilliant display of concerted effort, RAF trounced Police by eight goals to one in a First Division soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday.

The RAF victory was a personal triumph for Studd, their centre-forward, who proved himself to be the destroyer-in-chief, netting seven of the eight goals scored by the Airmen.

All the RAF players gave a magnificent performance, their perfect understanding and excellent team-work being a pleasure to watch. Posses seldom went astray and both in the air and on the ground, the Airmen had the Police beaten to a standstill.

For the Police, Howlett was the most outstanding player and was it not for his fine defensive game, the Airmen would undoubtedly have scored many more goals. Time and again it was Howlett who stood between the RAF and goals.

The Police, who were one player short for about 15 minutes after the start, won the toss and elected to set the Airmen against a strong wind which was blowing down the field.

The wind did not seem to have any effect on the Airmen and for a greater part of the first half they enjoyed as much of the ball as their opponents.

In the 25th minute of the game, Studd drew first blood for the Airmen after cleverly eluding Howlett.

With the scoring of this goal, the Police went to pieces and before half time, Studd had added three more goals for his side.

Crossing over four goals in arrears, the Police reshuffled their forward line and fought back with strong determination, but the RAF defence refused to be hustled into making any tactical blunders.

As the Police attacks gradually petered out, the RAF forward line again swung into action. By varying the style of passing, the RAF forwards had the Police defenders all at sea, only Howlett being able to offer any semblance of opposition to the keen thrusts of the Airmen.

After Studd had scored two further goals for the RAF and Stanley had also netted, Yuen Yiu-lam managed to score for the Police following a breakaway.

RAF continued to hold the upper hand and just before the final whistle, Studd again scored to

Tsui Wai-pui, the holder, K. H. Ip, Tsui Yun-pui and Roch Leung enter the semi-finals of the Colony's Lawn Tennis Singles Championship, as a result of their easy wins in yesterday's quarter-final games at the Cricket Club ground.

Tsui Yun-pui will meet K. H. Ip on Tuesday at the Cricket Club grandstand court, and the Tsui Wai-pui-Roch Leung match will be staged at the same place on Wednesday.

Yesterday's games revealed that the three battle-worn heroes of the local tennis court are still in a class by themselves, each of them eliminating his challenger in straight sets. Roch Leung, the Kowloon Tong Club and former Kunning champion, replaced R. Segalen as last year's other semi-finalist.

K. H. Ip, not favourite for this year's title, was in his peak form in his game with George Chon, the accuracy and force of his all-round strokes proving too much for Chon. His sudden drops to the forecourt after full-length drives caught Chon repeatedly.

Play started promisingly when Chon carried Ip's first service to a drive, but the steadiness of the China National champion saw him through. Finding his length, Ip began to drive in no uncertain manner deep into both corners of the court. Either volleying or dropping Chon's weaker returns, he brought the score to 6-0, before conceding the only game to Chon in the latter's service.

Ip jumped to a lead of 2-0 in the second set, but couldn't break through Chon's service in the third game. He took the next three games in a row, before Chon again came with some good services to snatch his second game of the set and third of the evening.

Champion's Win
Tsui Wai-pui virtually ran through his first game by 6-0 in his game against Lee Boon-sing, the Java player. Lee was powerless against the superb court-craft of the reigning champion who was cleverly varying his lengths and imparting an effective spin to his drives and services.

bringing the RAF tally up to eight. Police: Abbas, Fung Pak-chun, Ho Sing, Leung Shun-chi, Howlett, Lau Wing-kwong, Ng Wai, Tsang Sik-hong, Redburn, Yuen Yiu-lam and Lau Tak-hung. RAF: Bartrum, Durham, Soutar, Butler, Wilson, Townsley Stanley, Cross, Studd, Gray and Calley.

Lords Sweep Test Committee

London, March 15. Almost a complete sweep of the Test selection committee was made by Lords when a meeting of the Board of Control of Test Matches at Home took place.

Compared with last year, only Group Captain A. J. Holmes, the Captain, retains his position. Newcomers to the committee are Tom Pearce, Essex, A. B. Giffers, Yorkshire, and R.E.S. Wyatt, Worcestershire.

They, together with the captain, who when appointed will be co-opted, have the task of choosing the England teams to meet New Zealand this summer.—Reuter.

Today's Game

Today's games feature the four quarter-final games of the Colony Open Doubles Championship.

It is doubtful if the Tsui brothers and the Lee Wai-long and K. H. Ip combination, on their present form, will be given much opposition, although Stokes and Segalen may pull out some surprise games.

Greater interest will perhaps be shown in the other two matches, with the Jones-Ayres and Kwok Leung game taking the greater portion of the crowd. The Heenan-Lee and Lee-Chen game will be an experience very much for the youth, and the youths may find Heenan as active as they at the net, with his flat-racket volleys and smashes.

The games are:

Colony Open Doubles Championship

Championship (Quarter-finals): Court 1: B. T. M. Jones and H. A. Ayres v Kwok Hing-cheung and Roch Leung.

Court 2: Luk Ding-cheung and Tsui Ping-fan v Tsui brothers.

Court 3: Lee Wai-long and K. H. Ip v L. F. Stokes and R. Segalen.

Court 4: Heenan and M. W. Lo v Lee Boon-sing and T. T. Chen.

Club Handicap Singles: Court 5: I. Agnaroff v A. Furrer. Court 6: H. J. Armstrong v K. H. Gitz.

Inter-School Sports Meeting

Great enthusiasm is being shown by Hong Kong school boys in the Inter-School Sports Meeting which will be held at the SCAA Stadium at Caroline Hill on Thursday, March 24, commencing at 2 p.m.

Mr. Colin M. McEwan of the Education Department, who is in charge of the Sports Meet, is being deluged with entries for the different events.

Up to 5 p.m. yesterday, the following entries had been received:

JUNIOR
100 metres: 44, 200 metres: 46, 400 metres: 34, 500 metres: 24, High Jump: 20, Long Jump: 28, Weight: 30, Hurdles: 22, Sprint Relay: 13, Medley Relay: 7.

SENIOR
100 metres: 25, 200 metres: 28, 400 metres: 26, 500 metres: 20, 800 metres: 25, High Jump: 23, Long Jump: 21, Weight: 21, Hop, Step and Jump: 21, Hurdles: 18, Sprint Relay: 7, Medley Relay: 6.

When asked by the "China Mail" regarding the definition of a "Junior" contestant, Mr. McEwan said that any bona fide student, whose height did not exceed five feet six inches, came within the definition of a "Junior".

Mr. McEwan said that next year's contestants will be classified according to age. This remark was made by Mr. McEwan after it was pointed out that there are certain students who, although small in stature and playing in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League, are in years than many other taller and younger students.

Hockey Teams

The following will represent Dockyard R. C. in a hockey match against Army on Friday, at King's Park—bully off at 6.10 p.m.

Laird, Blanton, Joyce, Savage, Kane, Howlett, Wormalley, Collins, Curry, Sadler and Aucutt, (colours: white shirt, blue shorts).

The DYO will be represented by the following against University on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Pokfulam:

Laird, Abdul Ghani, Allah Ditta, Joyce, Savage, Collins, Howlett, Wormalley, Kane, Sadler, and Aucutt, (Colours: red shirt, blue shorts).

Tonight's Badminton

The following is tonight's programme for the Colony's Shuttle Championships, to be played at Club de Recreio:

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Quinn and A. J. Remedios v F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues.

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): A. L. Fisher v M. T. Yeow.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong v C. H. Ngan and M. C. Hung.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): A. J. Sousa and F. M. Rozario v D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung.

9.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro v W. F. Foo and Miss I. Kwong.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): R. M. Soares and Mrs. Correa Tsok v F. Breckbank and Mrs. L. Benjamin.

MCC Ends Tour Of South Africa

Capetown, March 15. The unbeaten MCC completed their successful tour of South Africa today with an easy win over Combined Universities by an innings and 52 runs.

They are the first MCC side to go abroad through a tour undefeated since Walter Hammond's team did so in South Africa in 1938-39.

Combined Universities, forced to follow on 203 runs behind, began well in their second innings with an opening stand of 44, but collapsed in the face of some good spin bowling by Denis Compton and Douglas Wright, and were all out for 151.

Compton claimed six wickets for 62 and Wright four for 56. The opening bat, J. Nel was top scorer with 37.

Earlier in the day the Universities had failed by 54 runs to avert the follow-on, being all out for 274 in reply to the MCC's 477. They lost their two remaining wickets for the addition of eight runs to the overnight score.

The MCC played 23 matches on the tour, winning 21, including two Tests.—Reuter.

Title Fight

Amsterdam, March 16. A new title fight between the European welterweight champion Livio Minelli, of Italy, and Giel de Roode of Holland, will take place on May 2 in The Hague.

On March 4, Minelli won the vacant title against de Roode, who lost to stop fighting after the eleventh round on medical advice.

The European Boxing Federation has now been asked to approve the new title fight.

De Roode will undergo an operation on both eyeballs, his weak points. Heavy bleeding forced him to stop fighting on March 4.—Associated Press.

Soviet Arms Captured From Korean Rebels

Seoul, March 16. A Communist-inspired uprising of 500 rebels and 15,000 sympathisers on Cheju Island was announced by the Defence Minister, Lee Bum Suk, at a press conference today.

Mr. Lee said Korean Government troops had captured Soviet machine guns and Soviet-trained Korean leaders in a campaign to quell the uprising. He did not disclose the number.

Combined Army and police manoeuvres were progressing against the rebels, the Minister added, and said that the Government expected to be in full control of the situation by the end of the month.

The Minister said that the Korean Army, according to the latest reports, had surrounded a group of 200 rebels in a village South West of Halls Mountain, which is located in the centre of the island.

The Minister explained that police forces were being employed to follow the Army closely in order to keep order in captured areas.

A message this morning from the Home Minister, Shin Sun Mo, who was on the spot indicated, however, that the police were handicapped by the lack of arms and were using wooden benches and were unable to maintain order.

Meanwhile, an official of Seoul's metropolitan police revealed today that a plot to assassinate members of Dr. Syngman Rhee's cabinet was foiled last week and 40 leftist leaders arrested.

He said the plot was part of the "March offensive" to disrupt the republic by setting fire to the principal buildings in Seoul and Inchon and by the assassination of government leaders.

The official said the plotters were members of the South Korea Labour Party, the People's Republic Party and the People's Loving Youth Group—all outlawed organisations.

A high ranking officer in the North Korean Army also was arrested. He recently came down from North Korea with instructions for the plot from the North Korean Labour Party, according to the police.

The official said two underground Communist newspapers were uncovered in Seoul and the printing presses and arms found were confiscated.—Associated Press and United Press.

LEAGUE 1 LEADERS SHOULD WIN AGAIN

(By 'ALCYDES')

Well, Portsmouth seem to be running away with the League at this stage, with five points advantage over their nearest rivals, Newcastle.

This week they entertain Derby County at Fratton Park, and on recent form look like taking full points.

Derby County, on the other hand, are also well placed in the league and with their recent acquisition from Manchester United, Johnny Morris, to strengthen their forward line, they will fully extend Portsmouth. This should be a grand game with little to choose in the two teams.

Newcastle are at home to Arsenal, and a record crowd will no doubt turn out to welcome the "Gunners" for their first visit to St. James' Park since 1934. Newcastle should come out on top in this game.

A relegation battle will be witnessed at Middlesbrough where Huddersfield, after last week's splendid effort against Burnley, will hope to move yet another step towards the safety zone.

Huddersfield have always found Middlesbrough a happy hunting ground, having won seven out of the past eight games there. Yes, a good away win here.

Easy For Wednesday
Fulham, in the Second Division, are away to lowly Lincoln and should not have much difficulty in claiming full points from their visit.

Southampton, the leaders, are this week away to the semi-finalists, Leicester City, and will find points hard to come by from this game, although the City's position in the table doesn't really justify such optimism. My conclusions on this match, however, are that they will profit at least a point.

Notts Forest, also in the doldrums, cannot expect to achieve much from their visit to Sheffield Wednesday. Records reveal that on the last three occasions they have come away with a point, but it looks to me a foregone conclusion for the Wednesday on Saturday.

In Division III (South), Swansea will be out to impress upon their supporters that last week's affair at Millwall was just a temporary lapse, and that they really intend to bring the Division Football back to Vetch Field the victims—Norwich!

Best Home Bet
Bristol Rovers should easily account for Southend and Notts County to take three points from this game with Millwall.

Ful City, lying a very comfortable number two in the Northern Division, are this week at home to Rochdale, (who incidentally, beat the League leaders last week), and I think again, will prove to be the best home bet of the day.

Ful City are going to take some stopping now and look as though they will just walk away with this Division's honours.

Southport, who appear to be in a hopeless plight at the bottom of the table, cannot expect to improve their prospects much by their visit to Oldham.

This Week's Forecasts:—
DIVISION I
BIRMINGHAM v Manchester U.
BURNLEY v Wolves
CHARLTON v Liverpool
CHELSEA v Sheffield U.
Everton v Aston Villa
MANCHESTER v HUDDERSFIELD
MIDDLESBROUGH v Arsenal
NEWCASTLE v Derby County
PORTSMOUTH v Sunderland
Preston v SUNDERLAND
Stoke v BOLTON.

DIVISION II
Brentford v BRADFORD
BURY v Cardiff
Chesterfield v PLYMOUTH
COVENTRY v Grimsby
Leeds v BARNLEY
Leicester v Southampton
Lincoln v FULHAM
SHEFFIELD W. v Notts F.
TOTTENHAM v Luton
West Brom. v Blackburn
WEST HAM v Queens P. R.

DIVISION III (South)
BOURNEMOUTH v Leyton O.
BRISTOL R. v BRISTOL C.
Crystal P. v BRISTOL C.
IPSWICH v Port Vale
NEWPORT v Northampton
NOTTS C. v Millwall
Reading v Exeter
SWANSEA v Norwich
Torquay v Brighton
WALSALL v Aldershot
WATFORD v Swindon

DIVISION III (North)
Accrington v CHESTER
Aldershot v Stockport
BRADFORD C. v Hartlepool
Barnsley v Darlington
DONCASTER v Darlington
Hullfax v GATESHED
HULL C. v Rochdale
Mansfield v York
OLDHAM v Southport
ROTHERHAM v N. Brighton
Tranmere v Crewe
WREXHAM v Carlisle

Japan Shows Interest In Trade Talks

Tokyo, March 16. Japanese business circles are awaiting the trade negotiations between General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters, and the British Commonwealth representatives with a great deal of anticipation.

The purpose of the meeting, which was deferred from January 15, is to review the trade plan which originated last summer between occupied Japan and the sterling areas of the Commonwealth.

However, it has been officially said that the conference will consider readjustments and British circles believe it is safe to assume that the next agreement will call for more trade between the sterling area and Japan.

The reason for the interest of Japanese circles is their belief that the possibilities of direct trade between Japan and the United States were limited, while trade with the sterling areas still has room for considerable development in the future.

The agreement covering the year beginning last July calls for the exchange of goods on a reciprocal basis up to US\$250,000,000.

India, Australia, New Zealand and Malaya will be represented on the Commonwealth group, which will be headed by Mr. Eric R. Lingeman, Commerce Minister and Economic Adviser to the United Kingdom Liaison Mission.—Reuter.

CRICKET FIXTURE

The following players have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a League Cricket Fixture against the RAF on the Army Ground on March 19.

The game will commence at 1.45 p.m. sharp.
Captain: S. K. Khan, M. A. Wahab (Sr.), S. K. Wahab (Jr.), A. M. Rumi, F. M. el Arculli, A. K. Marker, A. R. Razak, T. Molivilla, A. Ebrahim, S. Abo and I. Ali. Scorer: Mr. T. H. Barma.

HKFA MEETING

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Friday, March 18 at 6.30 p.m.

Business to be dealt with: The sending of the field of play to the Hong Kong Police Club during 1st Division League match St. Joseph's versus Police played on March 13.

The 28th annual athletic meet of the Hong Kong University will be held on Saturday at 1.30 p.m. The meet will take place at the University Pavilion, Pokfulam.

HONG KONG INTERPORT ELEVEN

The Interport Sub-Committee of the HKFA's selection of the Hong Kong team to play Manila are as follows:

Yu Yui-tak (South China A) goal keeper, Hau Yeung-sang (South China A) and Tozz (Navy) backs, Chang Kam-choi (South China A) Leonard (St. Joseph's) and Lau Cheong-sang (South China A), half backs, Xavier (St. Joseph's) Chow Man-chi (Kowloon Motor Bus) and Lee Tai-fai (Football Club) and Lee Tai-fai (Football Club).

The reserves comprise: Roosh (St. Joseph's) and The Kam-hung (South China A) backs, Castillo (St. Joseph's), Craighead (Army), and Rowland (Navy), half backs, Tse Kam-ho (South China A), Chu Wing-keung (South China A), Kwok King-ke (Kowloon Motor Bus), Main (Football Club) and Mullen (Football Club) forwards.

The players will leave for Manila on or about April 13. Hong Kong's team will be accompanied by Mr. R. M. Omar, appointed manager by the HKFA.

The reserves' dinner, which was to have been held on March 10, has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Tallulah Sues For Damages

New York, March 15. The actress Tallulah Bankhead today brought a US\$1,000,000 damage suit in the Supreme Court because her first name was used without authorisation in a singing commercial about a tube of hair shampoo.

Miss Bankhead, 42, the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, contended that the name "Tallulah" always was connected with her.

The suit named as defendant the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Company, the advertising firm of Barton and Bowen, and the soap manufacturers Procter and Gamble.

Miss Bankhead said one version went: "For radiant hair go hold me, Tallulah, the tube of Prell shampoo."—United Press.

ECONOMIC PLANNING WITH PARIS

London, March 15. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told the House of Commons today that it is hoped the fitting together of the British and French economic four-year plans will be accomplished before long.

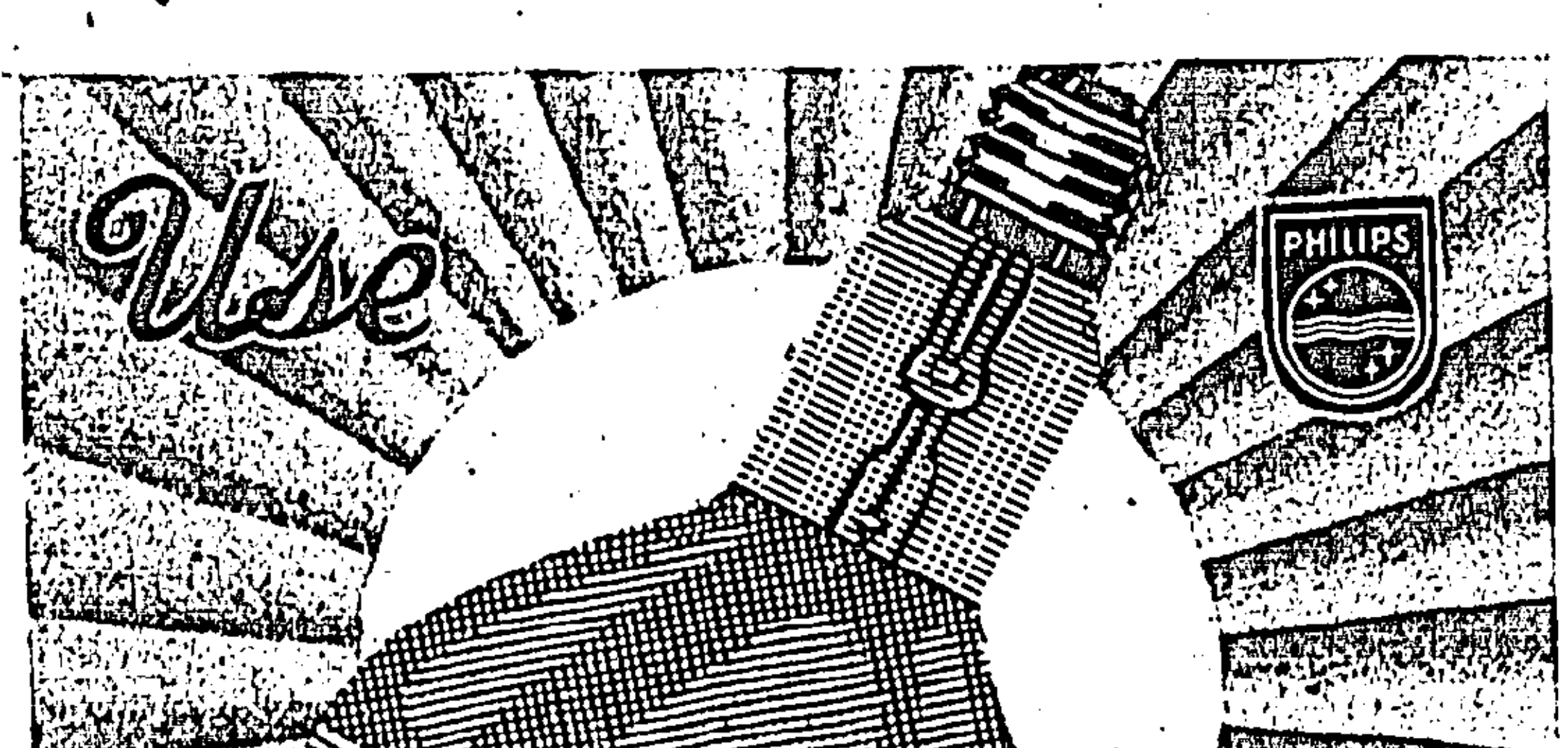
He had been questioned about his visit to France. He said: "The Minister of Finance and I had a useful discussion in which we reviewed and confirmed the talks which have recently taken place between officials on various aspects of Anglo-French economic co-operation within the framework of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation. We noted the progress achieved on several important points and agreed that the talks should be continued."

"We were both very satisfied with the high co-operation which pervaded the talks," he said.

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